



Woman shoved onto tracks by deranged man in random attack



SUBWAY NIGHTMARE

A 28-year-old woman (pictured) was shoved onto the subway tracks at the Times Square station yesterday morning in an unprovoked attack allegedly by a man who was in police custody last night. The victim suffered minor injuries in what a witness called a New Yorker's "worst nightmare."

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Don Jr. also got *Boratted*

In an unreleased clip from “Borat Subsequent Movie-film,” Borat’s daughter, played by Maria Bakalova, sneaks into one of President Trump’s press conferences and meets Donald Trump Jr.

The official Twitter account for Borat, Sacha Baron Cohen’s alter ego in the comedy sequel, released the clip, which did not make it into the film’s final cut, on Friday.

Borat claims in the video that right-leaning cable channel One America News took Bakalova, in the guise of a conservative journalist, into the White House.

“OAN is most rigorous news source in America. I know this because they take my daughter into the White House. No need for security checks or COVID tests. They boring!” Borat narrates over clips of OAN reporter Chanel Rion asking Trump questions at press conferences.

The video then shows Rion taking Bakalova into the White House press briefing room and speaking to her outside the White House.

Bakalova also appears in the audience while President Trump speaks. The actor meets Trump Jr. at a press line afterward and says, “I’m a little bit nervous, but I’m very excited to meet you.” Trump Jr. replies, “Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Good to meet you.” *Variety*

Big ‘sting’ operation

Scientists discovered the first nest of so-called murder hornets in the United States and plan to wipe it out Saturday to protect native honeybees, officials in Washington state said.

After weeks of searching, the agency said it found the nest of Asian giant hornets in the city of Blaine, near the Canadian border.

The world’s largest hornet at 2 inches long, the invasive insects can decimate entire hives of honeybees and deliver painful stings to people.

The first confirmed detection of the hornet in the US was in December 2019 near Blaine. *AP*

A BOTTLE OF BORD-D’OH!



OOPS! Keith McNally (inset), owner of Balthazar, says the brasserie once accidentally served a \$2,000 bottle of Mouton Rothschild Bordeaux 1989 (right) to a couple who ordered an \$18 pinot noir.

Soho cafe’s 2G wine mix-up

By YARON STEINBUCH
and NATALIE O’NEILL

Money can’t buy taste.

A young couple who ordered an \$18 bottle of wine at a popular Soho brasserie instead got served a \$2,000 bottle meant for a table of businessmen — who didn’t even notice that they ended up drinking the cheap stuff, the restaurant’s owner said.

Managers at Balthazar had poured the pricy 1989 Chateau Mouton Rothschild Bordeaux and the budget pinot noir — the restaurant’s cheapest wine — into identical decanters, the eatery’s owner, Keith McNally, recounted on Instagram this week.

It was not clear how long ago the mix-up happened, although it was at a time when fancy Manhattan

eateries still sold \$18 wine bottles.

The two wines got switched, and the managers accidentally delivered them to the wrong tables.

Still, the Wall Streeter who had ordered the Bordeaux for himself and three friends tasted the cheap pinot and — fancying himself a connoisseur — promptly praised its “purity,” McNally wrote in his post, reported by Decanter, a wine review and news site.

Likewise, the lovebirds didn’t notice they had been served the high-brow wine, the most expensive bottle at the restaurant.

“They jokingly pretended to be drinking an expensive wine” while poking fun of themselves for ordering the cheap stuff, McNally recalled.

When they learned of the switcheroo, they were thrilled.

“The young couple were ecstatic by the restaurant’s mistake and told me it was like the bank making an error in their favor,” McNally wrote.

Ultimately, neither party had sour grapes, according to McNally — who said he chose to eat the cost of the mistake.

“The trouble was, it was me who was down \$2,000,” wrote the restaurateur, who also owns the Minetta Tavern and Pastis among other popular city restaurants.

Grown on a 205-acre vineyard in the southwestern French village of Pauillac, Mouton Rothschild 1989 is considered one of the world’s greatest wines.

It has notes of “luscious black currants” with “powerful ripe tannins” and an “extremely long finish,” according to Wine.com.

Critics have also described the

wine as having “eucalyptus on the nose” with “vanilla bean and ripe plum flavors.” Two years ago, it was rated 97 out of 100 points by a critic on Decanter.

The Balthazar blunder was not the first time a top restaurant has screwed up a pricy wine order.

Last year, a customer at a Hawksmoor steakhouse in Manchester, England, was accidentally served a \$5,800 bottle of Pomerol’s Chateau Le Pin 2001 after ordering a \$340 bottle of Chateau Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2001, according to Decanter.

Pinot noir now costs \$88 at Balthazar, and the Spring Street eatery’s cheapest half-bottle is \$40. It now sells a bottle of Roger Extra Cuvée de Réserve Champagne for \$2,000.

Also on the menu: a bottle of Bud Light for \$11.



THE BIDEN FILES

Twist in partner e-mail on Joe

The former Hunter Biden business partner who wrote an e-mail outlining a potential 10 percent equity share for the “big guy” has denied that their deal with a Chinese energy company had anything to do with Joe Biden.

“I would like to clear up any speculation that former Vice President Biden was involved with the 2017 discussions about our potential business structure,” James Gilliar told The Wall Street Journal.

“I am unaware of any involvement at any time of the former vice president. The activity in question never delivered any project revenue.”

Gilliar’s comments didn’t address a May 13, 2017, e-mail — revealed by The Post last week — in which he wrote Hunter Biden and two other partners with plans for six-figure “remuneration packages” and a “provisional agreement” to distribute equity, or shares, in their new company.

The deal included 20 percent for each of the four, with 10 percent for “Jim” and 10 percent “held by H for the big guy?”

On Wednesday, one of the partners in the company, Tony Bobulinski, issued a statement that said, “The reference to ‘the Big Guy’ in the much publicized May 13, 2017 e-mail is in fact a reference to Joe Biden.”

Bobulinski also released a subsequent, unsigned business agreement for a company called Oneida Holdings that showed its ownership being evenly split five ways, with Jim Biden getting a 20 percent share.

At Thursday night’s final presidential debate in Nashville, Tenn., Joe Biden said he had “not taken a penny from any foreign source at any point in my life.”

Gilliar didn’t respond to e-mails seeking comment.

Bruce Golding

Hunter venture eyed Cuo, Schu,



By EBONY BOWDEN,
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A failed Hunter Biden business venture — which an ex-partner said involved Joe Biden — targeted “key domestic contacts” including Gov. Cuomo for potential projects across the country, documents reveal.

A May 15, 2017, memo naming potential contacts was sent by Joe Biden’s brother Jim to his nephew and three other men who all formed a limited liability company to partner with another firm on “global and/or domestic” projects involving “infrastructure, energy, financial services and other strategic sectors,” the documents show.

The other company was backed by a since-vanished Chinese energy tycoon and was to “be primarily responsible for arranging financing and execution” of the projects, according to the documents released by Tony Bobulinski, who was CEO of the joint venture.

The memo, titled “Key domestic contacts for phase one target projects,” noted that Cuomo “is moving forward with major infrastructure projects such as the long-stalled Tappan Zee Bridge replacement and the much-needed redevelopment of LaGuardia Airport.”

“His administration has invested nearly \$4 billion through the Regional Council and Upstate Revitalization initiatives to jumpstart the economy and support local priorities for development,” it added.

Cuomo was also referenced in an earlier e-mail that Bobulinski released in which another partner, James Gilliar of the consulting firm J2cR, discussed strategies tied to their business plan.

“Meet Gov of NYS? , if so times ? Meet anyone else ?, are we meeting in NYC or elsewhere?”



BUSINESS TIES: Hunter Biden, son of Joe Biden, was part of a venture that partnered with a firm backed by Ye Jianming (top left), a Chinese-energy exec who has since vanished, files reveal.

Gilliar wrote on April 27, 2017.

The memo included no elaboration about Mayor de Blasio but said the then-president of the city’s Economic Development Corp., Maria Torres-Springer, “drives the physical transformation of New York City, completes major infrastructure upgrades, and encourages the creation of new residential and commercial districts.”

Sen. Chuck Schumer was described as having “made improving New York’s economy a top priority, bringing affordable air service to Upstate New York and working to successfully retain New York jobs at risk of leaving and attract many new firms to New York.”

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and New York’s then-commissioner of economic development, Howard Zensky, were included, as

were officials in Virginia, Minnesota, Florida and California, some of whose relationships to the partners were highlighted.

The memo described then-California Gov. Jerry Brown as a “long time friend from his first term as governor,” and his successor, Gavin Newsom, then the lieutenant governor, was identified as “Hunter’s friend.”

Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.) was described as a “personal friend of my friend Billy Rubin and close to my friend Ken Jenne, former Sheriff of Broward County, FL.”

Meanwhile, another e-mail sent by Jim Biden on May 15, 2017, and titled “short list of foreign friends for next phase?” contained a second list of names that included Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim, described as “arguably the rich-

est man in the world” and “very friendly.”

“mentioning Slim now because he is big into racing and has a Formula I racing team and I know you are headed to the Grand Prix,” the memo added.

Others on that list included the presidents of Colombia and Argentina, and the “European Union in general.”

Both memos, which appear to have been copy-and-paste jobs, were sent as Microsoft Word documents with property values that show their author as Jim Biden’s wife, Sara Biden.

In response to the memos, Hunter Biden e-mailed the other partners the next day and expressed concern “that these lists of contacts and strengths are going to come back to haunt us.”

THE BIDEN FILES

other bigwigs for deals

SEEKING FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Hunter Biden suggested the lists “could easily serve . . . as the foundation for the divvying up of territory both geographically and commercially” by their partner in the joint venture.

“I may be paranoid but having worked in. [sic] The lobbying industry for years these attempts to create focus at the outset always and I mean always ended in disaster,” the e-mail says.

“We should be thinking what we want to focus on and not who knows who as direction for focus in my opinion.”

The memos and e-mails are among more than 900 documents Bobulinski made public this week and outline plans for a company called Oneida Holdings to provide consulting services to a company called Hudson West IV.

The documents show Hudson West IV was controlled by Ye Jianming, then chair of CEFC China Energy, and “Director Zang,” an apparent reference to CEFC’s executive director, Zang Jian Jun.

Ye disappeared after being taken into custody by Chinese authorities in early 2018, and CEFC, which was China’s largest private energy company, went bankrupt this year, according to reports.

The joint venture, called SinoHawk Holdings, was never funded by CEFC nor did it complete any deals, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday, citing people familiar with the matter.

SinoHawk was apparently dissolved around October 2018, according to documents released by Bobulinski.

Cuomo’s office didn’t return a

request for comment.

City Hall said there were no meetings between the Oneida partners and any officials.

“Take a metal detector out to Rockaway Beach this weekend. You’ll have a better chance of finding something of substance and you’ll get a nice walk in, too,” said de Blasio spokesman Mitch Schwartz.

A Schumer spokesman said neither the senator nor his aides had knowledge of the memo.

A Scott spokeswoman said, “Sen. Scott wasn’t contacted. He has called for a full investigation into Hunter Biden and the Biden family’s corruption.”

Joe Biden’s campaign, Jim and Sara Biden, and the others mentioned in the memos didn’t return requests for comment.

Former biz pal grilled by FBI



Senate chat delayed

The former Hunter Biden business partner who accused Joe Biden of lying about his involvement in his son’s overseas business deals spoke with the FBI on Friday, a congressman said.

Tony Bobulinski, who made his allegation in a press conference on Thursday, will also hand over three phones to the feds to back up his claims.

“This morning, lawyers for Tony Bobulinski informed the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and Senate Finance Committee that the FBI asked [Bobulinski] to sit for an interview today in addition to providing copies of his phones,” said the office of Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), who chairs the homeland-security committee.

An interview with the Senate committees that had been slated for Friday was delayed due to the FBI interview.

“I appreciate that the FBI has a job to do, and I am glad they are finally taking an interest in these concerning financial matters that our committees have been investigating for months,” Johnson said.

“I expect that Mr. Bobulinski will speak with our committee as soon as possible and fully share his insights into the Biden

family’s business dealings.”

The two Senate committees issued a report last month detailing Hunter Biden’s overseas business dealings and jobs. The report did not accuse Joe Biden of wrongdoing but alleged that Hunter was paid \$3.5 million in 2014 by the wife of Moscow’s former mayor.

Johnson and Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) said in a statement on Thursday that they had requested to speak to five people, including Bobulinski, named in the Hunter Biden e-mails that were first reported by The Post last week and which implicated Joe Biden in dealings in China and Ukraine.

Bobulinski was the only one who agreed to an interview and had set a date for Friday, according to the statement.

In his Thursday press conference, Bobulinski showed reporters three phones (above) that he said spanned 2015 to 2018 and which he pledged to provide to the FBI as evidence.

Hours earlier, he corroborated to The Post the appearance of Joe Biden being cut into a China business proposal, claiming that the ex-veep was the unnamed “big guy” referred to in a May 2017 e-mail. *Steven Nelson*

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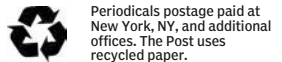
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Quit dissin' me, parents: Carranza

Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza scolded parents for questioning Department of Education transparency amid the coronavirus.

Responding to criticism from a Queens community board about school closure communications, Carranza (pictured) said Wednesday the DOE was not withholding updates.

"It's disingenuous to think that we're sitting on all this information, we have all the answers and we're just waiting to spring it upon the

public at the last minute available," he said. "That's just so not the case that it's really disrespectful to my colleagues that have been working since March around the clock."

Carranza countered that the DOE has been grappling with a slew of variables — from COVID-19 infection rates to shifting state dictates — in trying to reopen schools.

In a letter to Carranza sent Wednesday, Community Board 6, which covers Forest Hills and Rego

Park, criticized the DOE on its communication failure.

"All we ask is that you partner with us by keeping the lines of communication wide open by engaging and informing our families and local administrators," the letter states.

"People come to work for the department ... to serve the students and families of New York City," said DOE spokesperson Miranda Barbot.

Selim Algar



Screened-school screaming match

By SELIM ALGAR
Education Reporter

An angry scuffle broke out at a rally backing competitive school admissions Friday after an opposing group interrupted the event.

Roughly 80 supporters of screened schools — many of the proponents of South and East Asian descent — gathered near City Hall to demand that the Department of Education maintain accelerated academic programs.

The action was organized by PLACE NYC, or Parent-Leaders for Accelerated Curriculum & Education.

During podium addresses, about 20 counter-protesters jostled to the front of the crowd while two of them tried to unfurl a banner in front of the speakers.

That attempt was met with immediate resistance, setting off several minutes of shouting before the ruckus subsided and the speakers resumed.

A startled trio of politicians who showed up to support the rally —



Matthew McDermott

CLASS STRUGGLE: Parents on opposing sides of whether the city should conduct school-admission screenings tussle at a rally Friday.

City Council members Robert Kornegy and Ben Kallos and state Sen. Andrew Gounardes — all witnessed the fracas firsthand.

"They tried to push their way in," said Karlin Chan, a PLACE supporter. "You don't crash into someone else's rally."

Tensions rose once again after one of the counter-protesters attempted to physically block the

podium as an 11-year-old girl tried to address the crowd. The girl eventually was ushered to a clear space in front of the woman before speaking.

"They're saying if someone has a different opinion than you, you should shout them," said PLACE member Lucas Liu. "What kind of a way is that to teach our kids?"

Tajh Sutton, president of Com-

munity Education Council 14 and an opponent of screened schools, told The Post that PLACE backers were also getting physical with her group, which included city students, as they tried to make their voices heard.

"All we did was walk from the back to the front of the organization," she said. "We attempted to hold up our sign, it was grabbed from us by several PLACE supporters."

"Their violence today proves they do not care about students and they do not care about equity."

Screened-school opponents contend that current admissions practices favor families of means and box out low-income black and Latino students.

Screened-school supporters counter that academically advanced kids should be able to learn in accelerated environments and that many students in competitive schools are low-income immigrants.

The DOE has yet to announce screened-admissions policies for the coming year.

900 new NYPD recruits, but force still short

The NYPD will enroll 900 new recruits for a November Police Academy class, the city's top cop announced Friday, but will still be 1,800 officers short of where the ranks were last year, due to budget cuts amid the COVID-fueled financial crisis and the defund-the-police

push to reduce ranks.

The new class will add to the current 34,200-member force amid an ongoing surge of gun violence across the Big Apple.

"Next week, the NYPD will send out offers to the 2020 November Academy class," said Police Commis-

sioner Dermot Shea. "Due to budget cuts as well as attrition, this is lower than the approximately 36,900 uniform members of service at this point last year."

The move comes after the City Council passed an \$88.1 billion budget with a \$1 billion cut to the NYPD

in response to calls to thin the ranks in the wake of the police-custody death of George Floyd in Minnesota.

Cuts included canceling the July Police Academy class.

Bronx Councilman Fernando Cabrera cheered the news.

"Like many New Yorkers I

have been alarmed by the increased levels of crime and the steady decrease in our city's overall quality of life. So today's announcement of a new Police Academy class comes as welcome news for all New Yorkers," he said.

Craig McCarthy, Julia Marsh, Natalie Musumeci

AOC for we, not for thee

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez lashed out against President Trump for repeatedly referring to her as “AOC” during Thursday night’s presidential debate, saying the nickname is reserved only for her constituents.

Trump twice referred to the Bronx-born congresswoman (inset) in response to a question about climate change.



“If someone told me 3 years ago, while I was waitressing to help my family stay afloat, that in a few short years an unhinged President of the United States would be repeatedly saying my name at the 2020 debate, I would’ve brought them some water and told them to sober up,” she tweeted Thursday night.

She then railed, “AOC is a name given to me by community & the people. Y’all can call me AOC.”

“Government colleagues referring to each other in a public or professional context (aka who don’t know me like that) should refer to their peers as ‘Congresswoman,’ ‘Representative,’ etc. Basic respect 101.” *Lia Eustachewich*

Debate TV ratings drop

Americans tuned out Thursday’s final presidential debate between Joe Biden and President Trump — perhaps fearing a repeat of the shambolic shouting match between the two septuagenarians last month.

A total of 63 million viewers watched the 90-minute-plus second and final debate on the major networks, according to Nielsen Media Research, a 14 percent drop from their first face-to-face brawl, in Cleveland.

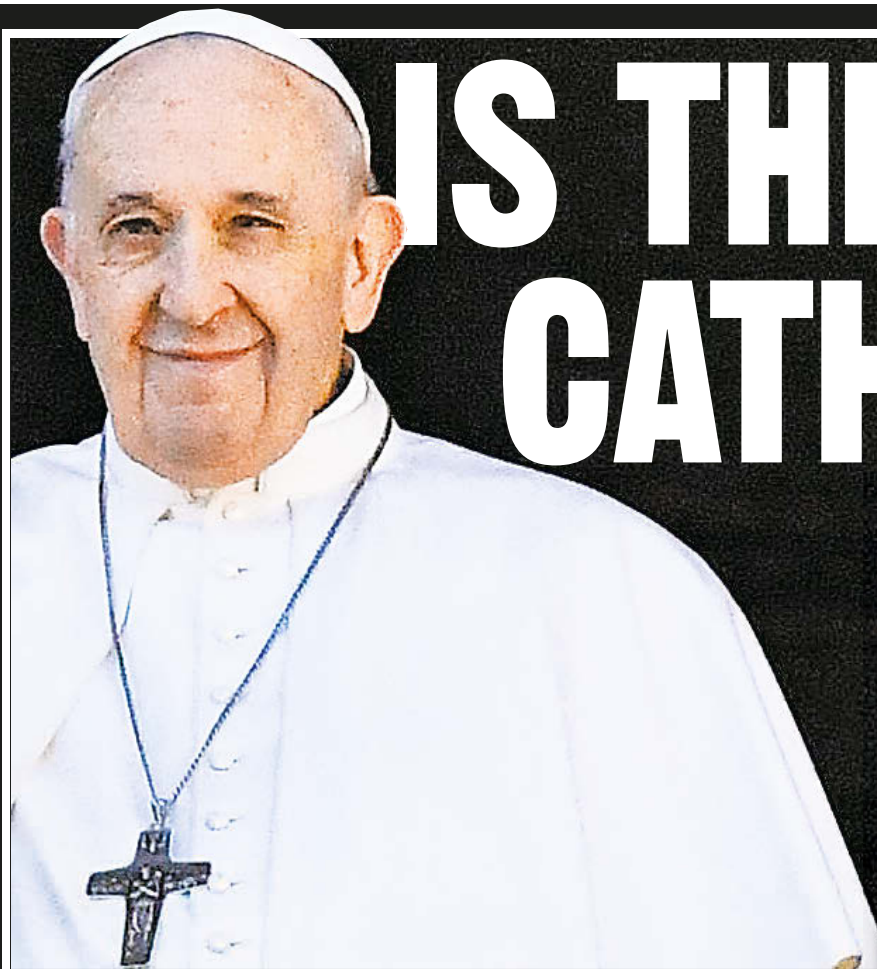
The Nielsen numbers are way down from the 2016 blockbuster showdowns between Trump and Hillary Clinton, when their final debate drew an audience of 71.6 million people. *Ebony Bowden*

Pence votes absentee

Vice President Mike Pence cast his early vote in Indiana on Friday morning.

Pence was accompanied by Second Lady Karen Pence at the City-County Building in downtown Indianapolis, where they voted just after 8:15 a.m., WTHR reported.

The couple dropped off their absentee ballots, which they requested from the Marion County Clerk’s Office. *Lia Eustachewich*



HELL’S BELLS: Pope Francis saying that LGBT people should be allowed to form civil unions has angered Catholic traditionalists in the US, including Raymond Cardinal Burke (inset right), who called the remarks the pope’s “private opinions.”

IS THE POPE CATHOLIC?

His LGBT civil-union push angers clergy.

By LIA EUSTACHEWICH

A holy war is brewing in the Roman Catholic Church as several American bishops and cardinals openly criticize Pope Francis for making pro-gay remarks — saying his words fly in the face of dogma.

Raymond Cardinal Burke, a frequent critic of Francis, said the pope’s LGBT-friendly comments should be “rightly interpreted as simple private opinions of the person who made them.”

“Such declarations generate great bewilderment and cause confusion and error among Catholic faithful,” Burke, a member of the Vatican’s highest court, said in a statement Thursday.

The pontiff, 83, endorsed civil unions for same-sex couples in a 2019 interview with Mexican broadcaster Televisa. But the comment only came to light this week when the footage first aired in a new documentary “Francesco,” the Washington Post reported.

“Homosexuals have a right to be a part of the family. They’re children of God and have a right to a family,” Francis says.

“Nobody should be thrown out, or be made miserable because of it.”

On Thursday night, Televisa spokesman

Ruben Acosta Montoya confirmed the pope’s comments in the 2019 interview to the Washington Post and accused the Vatican — which owned and controlled the cameras — of removing it from the segment.

Burke blasted Francis’ endorsement as doing more harm than good.

“They cause wonderment and error regarding the Church’s teaching among people of good will, who sincerely wish to know what the Catholic Church teaches,” he said. “They impose upon pastors of souls the duty of conscience to make fitting and necessary clarifications.”

Bishop Thomas Tobin, who heads the Diocese of Providence, agreed with Burke that the pope’s statement “clearly contradicts what has been the long-standing teaching of the Church about same-sex unions.”

“The Church cannot support the acceptance of objectively immoral relationships,” Tobin said in a statement. “Individuals with same-sex attraction are beloved children of God and must have their personal human rights and civil rights recognized and protected by law. However, the legalization of their civil unions, which seek to simulate holy matrimony, is not admissible.”

[Francis’ words] cause wonderment and error regarding the Church’s teaching among people of good will ... They impose upon pastors of souls the duty of conscience to make fitting and necessary clarifications.

— Raymond Cardinal Burke



Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas, went even further, calling the pope’s gay support “confusing and very dangerous,” according to the National Catholic Reporter.

“The church is weak. The church is not clear,” he said in a radio interview, adding that support for civil unions is just “Pope Francis’ opinion.”

“We were relying on the papacy to be this beacon of clarity and stability, and it just doesn’t feel clear and stable anymore,” said Strickland, also a frequent critic of Pope Francis.

Sean Cardinal O’Malley of Boston, however, seemed to defend the Holy Father’s comments, as he released a statement saying the pope’s “endorsement of civil unions is not an endorsement of homosexual activity,” according to The Pilot, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Boston.

“Father recognizes that in civil society there can be cogent reasons to enact such laws providing for civil unions which are not the same as the institution of marriage,” he said. “The Holy Father is very aware of the suffering and alienation of homosexual individuals, gay people, who are rejected by family and society.”

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CITY IN CRISIS

2 slain amid 11 shootings across NYC

By AMANDA WOODS

A dozen people were shot — two fatally — in 11 separate incidents across the city Thursday and Friday, police said.

In the latest, a 25-year-old man was blasted in the left arm by a ski-mask-wearing thief who displayed a revolver and swiped his gold chain at George Street and Wyckoff Avenue in Ridgewood, Queens, at around 2 a.m. Friday, authorities said.

The victim went home and didn't receive medical attention until around 11:30 a.m., when he showed up at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, cops said.

At around 1 a.m., a 30-year-old man and a 23-year-old woman were shot on Chauncey Street near Saratoga Avenue in Stuyvesant Heights, Brooklyn, cops said. Both were taken to NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County with non-life-threatening injuries. The shooter fled.

On Thursday, a 19-year-old man was shot in the leg at East 119th Street and Lexington Avenue in East Harlem at around 11:20 p.m., cops said. He was taken to Harlem Hospital and was expected to survive.

Around a half-hour earlier,

Leon Vega, 27, was shot multiple times on East 154th Street near Elton Avenue in Melrose, The Bronx. He was taken to Lincoln Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Vega was released on parole in June from an upstate prison where he was doing time on first-degree robbery, state corrections records show.

In Brooklyn, a 34-year-old man was shot in the left leg at East 94th Street and New York Avenue at around 10:10 p.m., authorities said. He was taken to NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County with non-life-threatening injuries.

Just before 9 p.m. in The Bronx, a 30-year-old man was shot in the left leg in a building lobby on Trinity Avenue near East 163rd Street, part of NYCHA's Forest Houses, cops said. He was taken to Lincoln Hospital in stable condition.

Thursday's first fatal shooting happened when Shyhiem McLean, 22, was gunned down in his building on Chauncey Street near Malcolm X Boulevard in Stuyvesant Heights at around 4:30 p.m., according to police. The motive was not immediately clear.

Sarge union slams Blas

The Sergeants Benevolent Association ripped Mayor de Blasio on Friday, saying he doesn't know his own city as people flee the Big Apple over closed businesses and the surge in violence.

"Do you have a clue what city your [sic] in?" SBA President Ed Mullins tweeted. "People are moving out of NYC and those who don't are being shot and killed in record numbers. Not to mention all the businesses that are closed."

Shootings and murders have surged over the last few months as the pandemic and protests have led to unrest in the city.

The tweet — a response to Hizzoner attacking President Trump for saying at Thursday's debate that New York City was a "ghost town" — was accompanied by photos of graffiti on Midtown businesses.

The photos appeared to be from the early days of the George Floyd protests.

One showed a Banana Republic storefront in Soho around June with "F--k NYPD" scrawled on plywood covering the windows. Another photo shows a torched NYPD car in front of the Bloomingdale's in Soho on May 31. *Craig McCarthy*

SUBWAY

Woman pushed to tracks in Times Square

TERRIFIED: A 28-year-old woman (above) from New Jersey was shoved without provocation onto the tracks at the Times Square-42nd Street subway station early Friday, allegedly by the man pictured at top right. A suspect matching his description has been apprehended.

By LARRY CELONA,
LORENA MONGELLI
and AMANDA WOODS

A deranged man shoved a woman onto the subway tracks at the Times Square-42nd Street station Friday morning in an apparent random attack, police said.

The victim, a 28-year-old woman from New Jersey, was waiting on the northbound N/Q/R platform at about 9:40 a.m. when the man, who appeared to be homeless, pushed her from behind onto the tracks without prov-

ocation, authorities said.

She suffered minor injuries to the wrist and was treated at NYU Langone Hospital, according to police.

A surveillance image from the scene, which was obtained by The Post, shows an unkempt man in a light-blue sweatshirt who sources said is a suspect in the attack.

It was distributed around the NYPD, and hours later cops picked up a man matching the image who was caught smoking in an unauthorized area of the Parkchester station in The Bronx on a

6 train, police sources said.

The victim did not return several requests for comment.

An MTA source said that minutes before the woman was shoved, the same attacker allegedly assaulted a woman above the subway station.

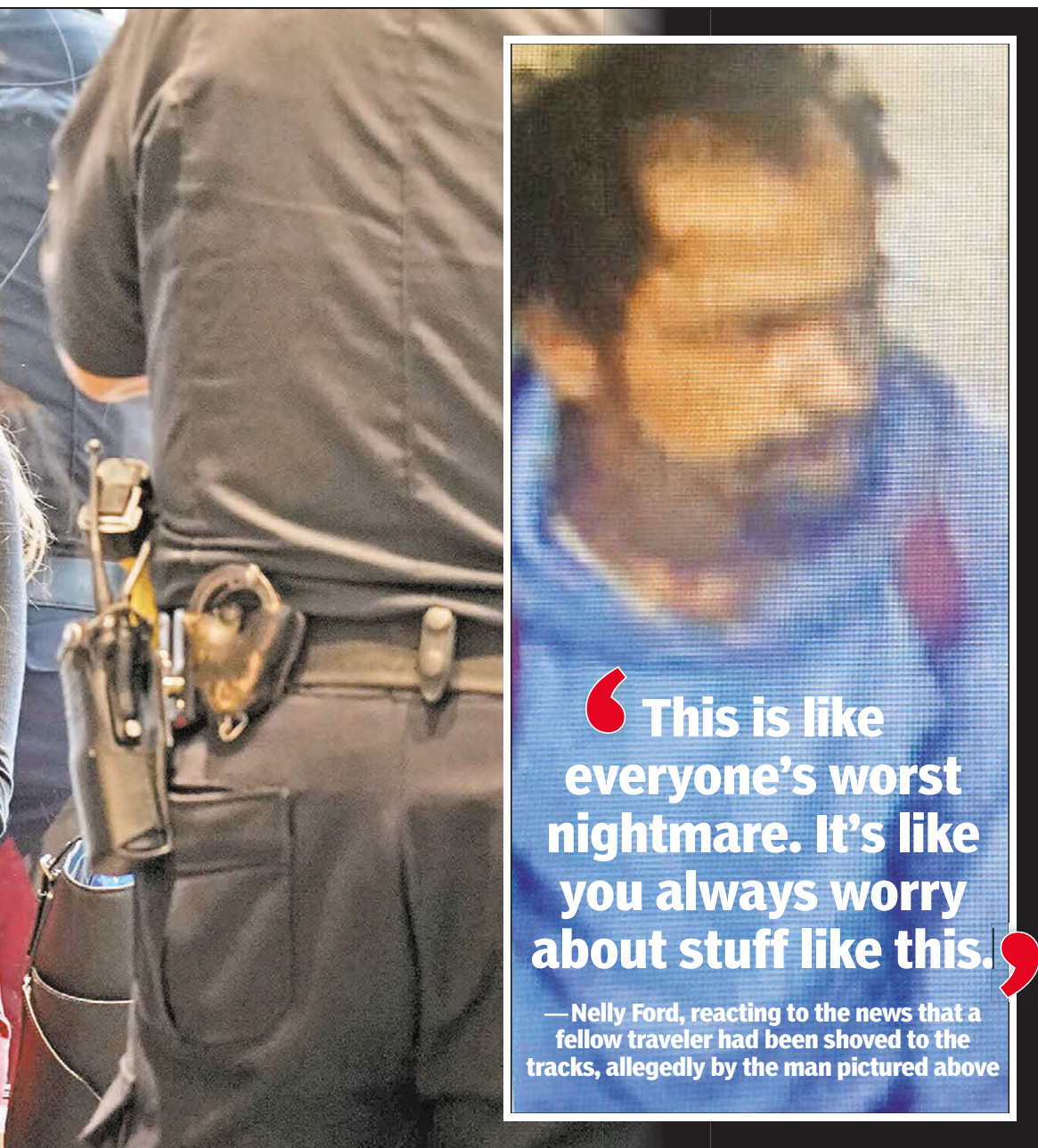
"This is outrageous, incredibly dangerous, criminal behavior. New Yorkers and NYC Transit employees deserve better," Interim Transit President Sarah Feinberg said in a statement calling for more cops to police the stations.

"We police the subways with

NY Post: Robert Miller



SHOVE HORROR



‘This is like everyone’s worst nightmare. It’s like you always worry about stuff like this.’

— Nelly Ford, reacting to the news that a fellow traveler had been shoved to the tracks, allegedly by the man pictured above

MTAPD officers and other uniformed personnel and continue to call on the NYPD to have a more significant presence in the system,” she said.

Straphangers at the Times Square station were freaked out by the attack in the subway system, where crime has surged in recent months and ridership has plunged amid the pandemic.

“This is like everyone’s worst nightmare. It’s like you always worry about stuff like this. And I’ve generally been riding the subway a lot less and not because

of the [pandemic], but because you hear more about this,” Nelly Ford, of Manhattan, said at the station hours after the attack.

“I think it’s crazy, but it’s not the first time we hear about things like that happening,” said Joanne Wiggins, 29, of Astoria after stepping off a train in Times Square Friday afternoon.

“These days I don’t feel very safe on the subway because you hear about things like people getting stabbed or even shot,” Wiggins added. “I definitely pay attention to my surroundings

more. Having more police in the station would also help.”

The transit system has seen an uptick in multiple crime categories, including rape and murder, despite a decline in ridership.

Felony assaults in the system have dropped by just 1.9 percent despite 70 percent fewer riders since the start of the coronavirus pandemic more than seven months ago, according to data released by the MTA Friday.

Additional reporting by David Meyer and Ben Feuerherd

Midtown not center of jobs universe: DeB

By JULIA MARSH
and NATALIE MUSUMECI

It may contain the Crossroads of the World, but Mayor de Blasio said on Friday that Midtown Manhattan is “not the center of our universe.”

De Blasio made the seemingly out-of-touch comments during his weekly appearance on WNYC radio’s “The Brian Lehrer Show” when asked by the host about how office employees in Manhattan are reportedly returning to work at a slower rate than in other cities.

Only about 10 percent of Manhattan office workers were back as of Sept. 18, more than six months after the coronavirus pandemic first upended life in the city, The Wall Street Journal has reported, citing data from CBRE Group, a commercial real-estate-services firm.

“Midtown has been a particular challenge and exactly because it’s that huge concentration of office workers,” de Blasio said before dissing Manhattan.

“But I think a lot of business leaders think of the world from Midtown out and Midtown is the center of the universe and everything else is ancillary. And I think — and you’ve known me for a long time — I think it’s the

other way around,” he said.

De Blasio added: “It’s the five boroughs. It’s where people live. It’s communities. And then Midtown’s important, but it’s not the center of our universe.”

Hizzoner predicted that “into the beginning of next year,” there would be “more and more businesses” and their employees coming back to Midtown.

New York City business and real-estate leaders, as well as local lawmakers, bashed de Blasio for his Midtown comments.

“When Mayor de Blasio makes dismissive comments about the dire lack of commercial activity in Midtown, he’s really dismissing the needs of hundreds of thousands of everyday New Yorkers who will remain unemployed or struggling until that activity returns,” said James Whelan, president of the Real Estate Board of New York.

City Councilman Keith Powers (D-Manhattan) said: “The mayor’s failure to recognize Midtown’s central role in the city’s economic recovery is concerning.

“For tens of thousands of New Yorkers out of a job — from Broadway to the hotel industry — Midtown’s comeback is inextricably tied to the city’s recovery.”

Suit: Homeless need own rooms

The Legal Aid Society says homeless people can’t socially distance in shelters or shared hotel rooms, it’s demanding the city provide separate hotel rooms for each person during the pandemic.

The legal group filed the lawsuit in Manhattan Supreme Court on behalf of five homeless people — who have risk factors that make them particularly vulnerable if they contract COVID-19.

The city’s Department of Social Services and Department of Homeless Services noted that the city had already moved almost 10,000 people into hotels.

Priscilla DeGregory

Sudan latest in Israel deal

'DON' IT AGAIN: President Trump listens while on a phone call with the leaders of Sudan and Israel, who have agreed to normalize relations.



AP

Russia N-deal 'close'

President Trump is "very, very close" to securing a nuclear deal with Russia involving a freeze on warheads for a year, according to Trump's arms control envoy.

The US and Russia have been inching closer to an agreement, which could be finalized ahead of the Nov. 3 election following concessions by Moscow, "PBS Newshour" reported earlier this week.

"We don't have an agreement yet, but, certainly, given the fact that Russia has moved in the direction of the United States' proposal for this cap, it looks like the two sides are getting much, much closer together," US arms control envoy Marshall Billingslea said. "And we — I would say we're very, very close to a deal."

The deal would also extend for a year the New START agreement, the last bilateral treaty limiting the nuclear arsenals of both countries that's set to expire on Feb. 5.

News of the nearing nuclear agreement comes after both sides appeared to be at odds a week ago. But on Tuesday, Russia's Foreign Ministry indicated that Moscow would OK the Trump administration's demand for a year-long warhead freeze if New START was extended, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Russian President Vladimir Putin initially wanted New START extended for five years. Trump stalled the talks because he wanted China to be included.

China, however, isn't specifically mentioned in the pact. *Lia Eustachewich*

TRUMP PEACE TRAIN

By EBONY BOWEN

Sudan will become the third Arab state to normalize ties with Israel in another historic peace deal brokered by the United States, President Trump announced Friday as he hopefully declared that the Middle East would eventually be "one unified family."

The deal follows the Trump administration's decision to remove the North African nation from the list of state sponsors of terrorism after it agreed to pay \$335 million in compensation to American victims of terror attacks, with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo praising its new civilian-led government on Friday.

"We have many countries wanting to come in," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office of his Middle East peace plans, saying he believed the rogue regime of Iran would eventually come to the table.

"We have at least five that want to come in and we'll have many more than that very soon," the president said, listing Saudi Arabia as one of the next Arab nations to normalize relations with the Jewish state.

"You know what it's costing the United States? Nothing," he said.

The Trump administration's brokering of the deals as it works toward a Middle East peace deal has earned the commander in chief multiple Nobel Peace Prize nominations.

It also delivers a foreign-policy achievement for Trump less than two weeks before the US election and adds another notch to his promise of delivering peace in the region, which he has described as the "ultimate deal."

Recently, the United States brokered diplomatic pacts between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Jordan recognized Israel in the 1990s.

Last month, regional leaders gathered at the White House for the historic signing of the Abraham Accords at which Trump heralded "the dawn of a new Middle East."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who was on speaker phone in the Oval Office as Trump

announced the Sudan pact to reporters, praised the deals and said the "fruits of peace" were starting to be seen in the region.

"We're not engaging in bloodshed, we're not engaging in antagonism, we're engaging in collaboration," Netanyahu said. "We've never seen anything like this."

"Yes, Iran is unhappy, Hamas is unhappy, Hezbollah is unhappy, but most everybody else is happy," he went on.

Trump said he would love to "help Iran" and said he was hopeful that the regime, hobbled by US sanctions, would halt its aggressive nuclear-missile program and agree to a deal. *With Wires*

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Xi's 1950s-war slap at US

President Xi Jinping on Friday marked the 70th anniversary of China's entry into the Korean War to fight against US troops by taking a jab at Washington as he condemned "unilateralism, protectionism and extreme egoism."

The "War to Resist US Aggression and Aid Ko-

rea," as the conflict is known in China, "let the world know that the Chinese people are now organized and aren't to be trifled with," Xi said during a Beijing ceremony, quoting Mao Zedong's remarks at a 1953 leadership meeting.

"Once provoked, things will get ugly," Xi added,

drawing loud applause from the masses while calling for resolve in combatting threats to China's interests posed by foreign aggressors, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Korea marked the only armed conflict between China and the US.

Yaron Steinbuch, Wires

Putin hinting at China link

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday there is no need for a Russia-China military alliance now, but noted it could be forged in the future.

Putin's statement signaled deepening ties between Moscow and Beijing amid growing tensions in their relations with the

United States. The Russian leader also made a strong call for extending the last remaining arms control pact between Moscow and Washington.

Asked during a video conference with international foreign policy experts whether a military union between Moscow

and Beijing was possible, Putin replied that "we don't need it, but, theoretically, it's quite possible to imagine it."

Putin pointed to the war games that the armed forces of China and Russia held as a signal of the countries' burgeoning military cooperation. *AP*



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The Wing in a finance flap

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Rocking the vote

SHEILA E. and **Patti Austin** have brought back their 2012 song “L.O.V.E. (Let One Voice Emerge),” and they dished about the tune at a TWIST 2020 “This Is Why I Vote” virtual event. The song also features **Fergie**, **Keke Palmer**, **Lalah Hathaway** and **Alyssa Milano**. Sheila thanked “all the singers . . . and I mean singing divas” on the track. “They gave me one little line. It was a blessing.” **Angela Davis**, **Ledisi** and **Chaka Khan** were also at the event hosted by **Tanika Ray**. Said Khan: “My grandmother . . . insisted that my mother vote. My mother also insisted that I vote. And I insist that my children vote.”



Gathering Moss

DALE Moss (above), who’s rumored to be engaged to “Bachelorette” star **Clare Crawley**, was spotted in New York this week. The 32-year-old was in a Yankees cap and face mask as he left a yoga session. Crawley shot down rumors that a ring she recently wore confirms she and Moss are engaged. There have been hints prior to this season’s start that she and the former NFL player quit the show early after falling in love. She has said the ring represents a “commitment to myself.”

THEY’RE on a Wing and a prayer.

Page Six has learned that famous female-focused members spot the Wing is in dire financial straits — and is even considering filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

When we asked the club — which has 11 locations including in New York, San Francisco, Chicago and London — about rumors that it’s preparing to file for bankruptcy, the club told us, “The Wing is not filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy at this time.”

“Despite the harsh realities of COVID, we are exploring every possible avenue we can to bring the Wing back stronger than it was before — as are many companies that rely on in-

person gathering right now,” it added.

According to the New York Times, at one point around 2017, the company raised more than \$100 million from venture capitalists to expand beyond its New York base. It charges around \$215 per month for membership.

It’s the latest in a string of woes for the club after its co-founder, **Audrey Gelman**, resigned in June thanks to a staff strike over the company’s treatment of black and brown workers.

Amid the nationwide protests against the killing of George Floyd this summer, the club’s staff wrote in an open letter, “In solidarity with so many of our colleagues — past, present, and

in particular, the black and brown people without whom the Wing would not exist — as a united group of employees, we are participating in a virtual walkout beginning today.”

Gelman quit shortly after, though she remains on the board and has a significant ownership stake.

With its p.r. woes and locations having been shuttered by the pandemic, the club seems to be trying to overhaul its image.

Its Web site now says, “A whole new Wing is coming your way,” and says that the club was “[established] in 2016” and “[re-established] in 2020.”

It also touts “digital membership.”

‘Real’ serious

THE “Real Housewives of New York City” are back to work after they were forced to take a break from filming after someone on set tested positive for COVID. We’re told filming was severely cut back after the scary result two weeks ago — but spies tell Page Six that **Ramona Singer**, **Leah McSweeney**, **Sonja Morgan** and new cast member **Eboni K. Williams** were all filming together Thursday at American Beech in Greenport, LI. We’re told the group was cordial and kidding around. A different spy told us they were also shooting at nearby Croteaux Vineyards, where Singer and McSweeney were loudly fighting over — appropriately enough — McSweeney’s recent tweets in which she criticized Singer for being careless about COVID. (McSweeney had tweeted in June — fairly obviously about Singer, “I am so disgusted by some of my castmates and their families who spent the entire f--king quarantine in Florida, living it up, showing everyone how they’re living it up.”) We’re told the group were supposed to be filming out East in early October, but it got pushed back and has only just got underway. We’re told the delay has created problems because producers had been hoping to make it appear as if the Hamptons scenes happened during the summer, which is trickier now that they’re shooting well into October.

Better late than n-Eva for kids

EVA Mendes says she had kids late because “I never wanted babies until I fell in love with **Ryan [Gosling]**. And it kind of worked out to where I was 40 and having my first baby,” the 46-year-old actress said during an interview with Australia’s Nova 96.9 on Thursday. “I think I was 42 for the second [kid,] so it worked out in that way that I had a career and then I change my focus to my family,” she said. The pair have been a couple since 2011.



It was “no premiere, no problem” for **Anne Hathaway**, who got dressed up anyway to promote her HBO Max film “The Witches.”

@AnneHathaway/Instagram via @gregwilliamsphotography

Ex won’t throw book at West

KANYE West may be a famous rapper and fashion designer who’s running for president, but to his unimpressed ex, **Amber Rose**, he’s just “some guy I dated 10 years ago.” She’s even turned down book deals to dish on their past. Rose said on the podcast “No Jumper” of her more famous ex — and his Twitter controversies that sometimes stem from his mental-health issues — “I don’t really think about him like that . . . For me, it’s just some guy that I dated 10 years ago. I don’t feel a connection where I’m, like, concerned. That’s not my business. That’s his wife’s business what he does.” Rose and West were in a relationship from 2008 to 2010. In 2015, West told radio show “The Breakfast Club” that his wife, **Kim Kardashian**, was “not thrilled” he’d dated Rose and that she made him “take 30 showers.” But, “I opted out,” Rose claimed this week. “I don’t know if he says things to make his wife more comfortable, but to slut-shame me and say you needed 30 showers, like, bro, you took me around the world. Since when do you need 30 showers?”

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Cover up vs. COVID, study begs

Masks could save 130,000

By GABRIELLE FONROUGE

Universal mask-wearing could save almost 130,000 American lives from the COVID-19 pandemic through February 2021, according to scientists.

A study, published Friday in the journal *Nature Medicine*, models a series of scenarios that could happen during the fall and winter in the US if states double down on safety measures like social distancing and face-covering mandates — or if they continue to roll them back.

The scientists found that universal mask use, defined as 95 percent of people committing to wearing masks in public, could spare between 85,284 to 170,867 lives from coronavirus-related deaths between Sept. 22 and the end of February — pointing to 129,574 as the likely number of lives saved.

Even if just 85 percent of people commit to wearing masks in public, 95,814 lives could be saved.

The research, conducted by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation's COVID-19 forecasting team, is based on case and mortality data from Feb. 1 through Sept. 21, testing rates, mask use, cell-phone data and a series of models.

"I'd like for people to see this study as a call to action, sort of a wake-up call, especially for those individuals who are unconvinced by the devastation that this pandemic is causing," Shweta Bansal, an infectious-disease modeler from Georgetown University who wasn't involved with the research, told *The New York Times*.

However, she also warned that

Uh, oh: 1,000 viral NYers hospitalized Thursday

For the first time in four months, more than 1,000 New Yorkers were hospitalized for the coronavirus, according to state data released Friday.

The state recorded 1,023 patients hospitalized Thursday for the virus, the highest recorded since June 22, when 1,104 were admitted.

There were more than 83,000 cases of COVID-19 confirmed nationwide Friday, the second highest single-day count since the pandemic began, behind only July 16.

Bernadette Hogan

US hits grim infect record

More than 77,000 new cases of COVID-19 were recorded in the US on Thursday alone — setting a new record for daily infections, statistics show.

The 77,640 new cases eclipsed the previous record set on July 29, when 75,723 new cases were reported, according to a tally by NBC News.

There were 921 coronavirus-related deaths Thursday.

Seventy-five percent of the US is seeing a surge in infections. *Lia Eustachewich*

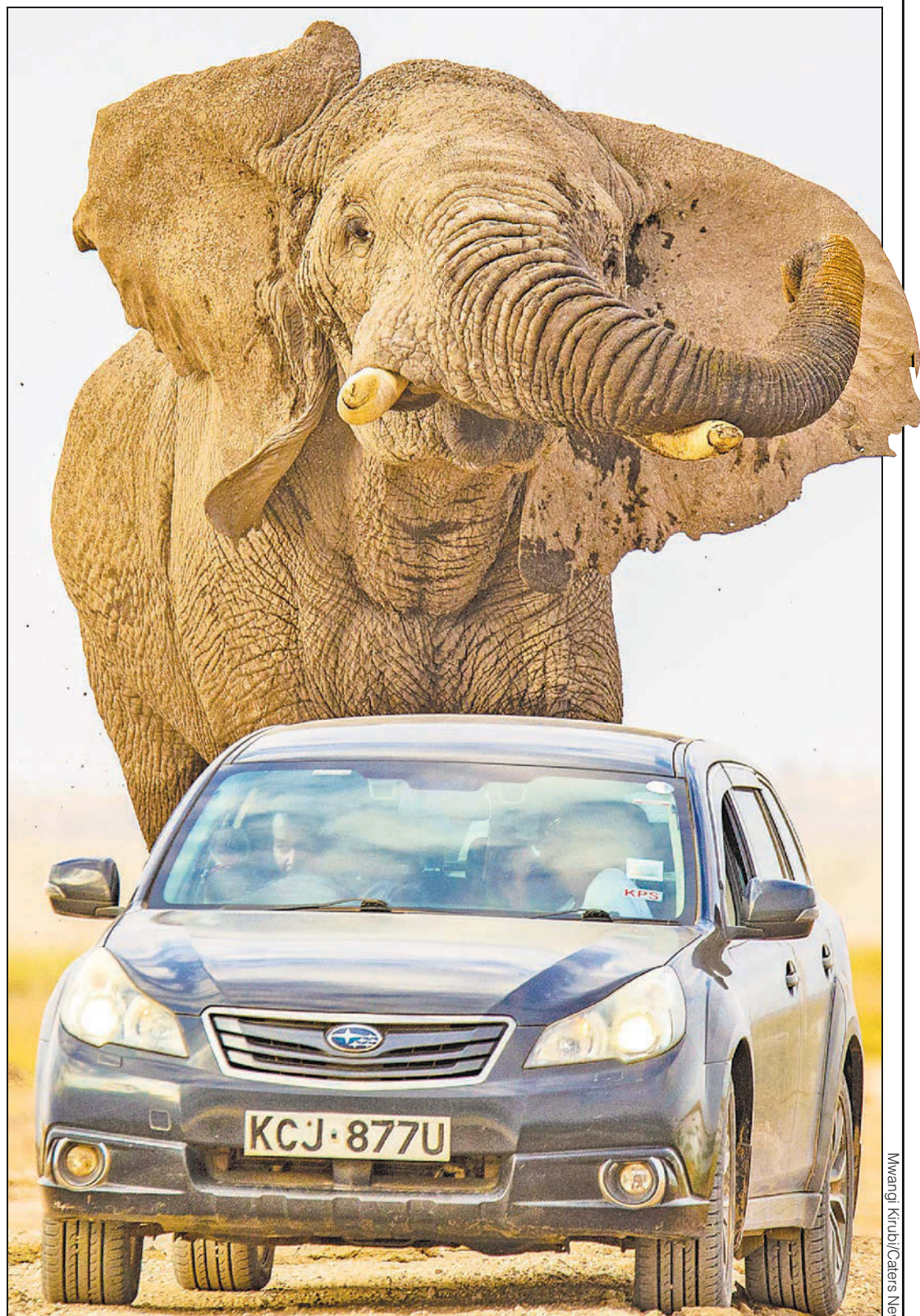
the estimates are based on many assumptions and should not be considered a definitive projection.

"It's not a prediction or forecast, because we can will this number out of existence," Bansal said.

She said the article's conclusions could be very different if there are widespread behavior changes.

Only around 60 percent of Americans report always wearing a mask when they're in public, according to the IHME, despite being one of the strongest tools in warding off lockdowns, Christopher Murray, the article's lead author, told *The Times*.

"Increasing mask use is one of the best strategies that we have right now to delay the imposition of social distancing mandates and all the economic effects of that, and save lives," Murray said.



Mwangi Kirubi/Caters News

Send them pach-ing!

A speeding Subaru found itself on the wrong end of a pair of tusks after encroaching on an elephant's turf in a southern Kenyan park.

The pachyderm grew startled and charged at the car in Amboseli National Park as the vehicle and another sped through, said Mwangi Kirubi, a park visitor who photographed the wild chase.

Kirubi, 43, said he and fellow campers had been observing elephants from their own vehi-

cles when the two cars "came speeding towards us and hooting for us to make way for them."

"I have no idea where they were headed, but they were in a hurry and ignoring the 40 kph speed limit of the park," he told *Caters News*.

"I did not think that it had agitated the elephants too much, until from my car I saw the herd's matriarch approach the other car . . . and threaten to attack."

Hannah Sparks

‘Rape’ of Snapchat LI teens

A Long Island man was busted this week for allegedly raping two 13-year-old girls whom he met on Snapchat.

Brendan Sullivan, 20, is accused of having sexual contact with the teens on separate occasions in March and August, according to Suffolk County police. He was initially arrested in May on child-pornography charges, according to cops — but a follow-up investigation revealed his alleged actions with the two teens.

Sullivan, of Bohemia, was busted around 3 p.m. Thursday in a parking lot on Medford Avenue in Patchogue, cops said.

He was charged with two counts of second-degree rape and three counts of endangering the welfare of a child, authorities said. He was remanded into custody following his arraignment Friday, according to court records. *Amanda Woods*

Target ‘any officer’

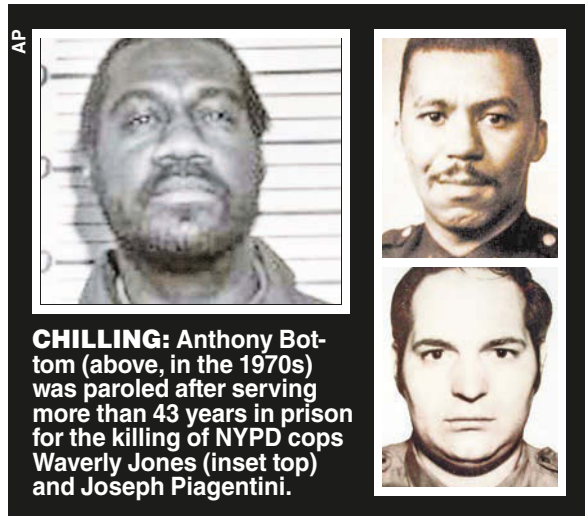
Paroled killer spills on ‘71 ambush

By TINA MOORE and CRAIG MCCARTHY

Weeks before his controversial release from prison, a Black Revolutionary Army member who gunned down two NYPD cops nearly 50 years ago admitted “it could have been any officers” at his parole hearing.

“I’d never been here [NYC] before,” Anthony Bottom said during his hearing on Sept. 11. “[Redacted] guided us to the [redacted] we saw a cruiser, a car, a police car, and we had laid and waited for the police officers to return and we ambushed them.

“Cold-blooded murder, that’s what it was,” said Bottom, according to the transcript obtained by The Post through a Freedom of



CHILLING: Anthony Bottom (above, in the 1970s) was paroled after serving more than 43 years in prison for the killing of NYPD cops Waverly Jones (inset top) and Joseph Piagentini.

Information request.

Bottom was set free on Oct. 20 after spending more than 43 years in prison for the murder of Officers Joseph Piagentini

and Waverly Jones in 1971.

Piagentini’s widow was infuriated by the board’s ruling last month, saying she was “heartbroken to see another of Joe’s killers

set free by politics.”

When Bottom was up for parole in 2018, she petitioned to keep him locked up for life.

Bottom was one of three triggermen — along with Herman Bell and Albert Washington — who called police to a Harlem housing project and ambushed the two cops.

“It was the retaliation [for] a young black kid who got killed by a police officer ... That was the mission on May 21, 1971, with the killing of Officer [Jones] and Officer [Piagentini],” Bottom said, according to the transcript.

“It could have been any officers.”

Since being locked up, the 69-year-old Bottom said he’s “worked toward my atonement.”

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Racist rant in flight vid

A man in a paper Burger King crown hurled racist slurs at a fellow passenger on a New York-bound Jet-Blue flight after accusing her of taking his seat and kneeling him in the stomach, videos show.

The flight was on the ground in Kingston, Jamaica, preparing to leave for JFK Airport.

The man — who has long blond locks and appears to be white — is seen raging at flight attendants with his mask below his chin, furiously repeating the assault allegation.

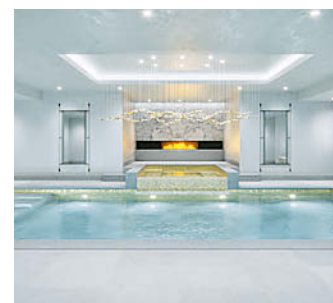
In one clip, a woman filming tells him she kneed him “because you deserve it” — eliciting an ill-conceived defense from her alleged victim. “Excuse me, I’m part-West African,” he screams. “I can say n----r anytime I want!”

Kingston police later removed the man from the flight in handcuffs, TMZ reported. *David Meyer*



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Andy asked about Jeff vic: transcript

By LIA EUSTACHEWICH

Prince Andrew and Ghislaine Maxwell once chatted on the phone about Virginia Roberts Giuffre, the Jeffrey Epstein accuser who claimed the royal sexually abused her as a teen, new court documents suggest.

"Let me know when we can talk," the queen's embattled son allegedly e-mailed Maxwell on Jan. 3, 2015, according to information included in a 2016 deposition given by the British socialite and made public Thursday. "Got some specific questions to ask you about Virginia Roberts."

The 465-page transcript of Maxwell's deposition was taken in 2016 as part of a since-settled defamation case brought against her by Giuffre, who has alleged in lawsuits that she was recruited and groomed by Maxwell for erotic "massages" and sex with Epstein and his powerful pals.

Those pals include Prince Andrew, whom Giuffre claims to have had sex with three times when she was 17.

In the deposition, Maxwell said she couldn't remember exactly when she and Andrew did wind up speaking about Giuffre. But Maxwell said they eventually talked about "just what a liar she is."

"What did he say to you?" asked Giuffre's lawyer in response.

Maxwell replied, "What a liar she is," according to the deposition.

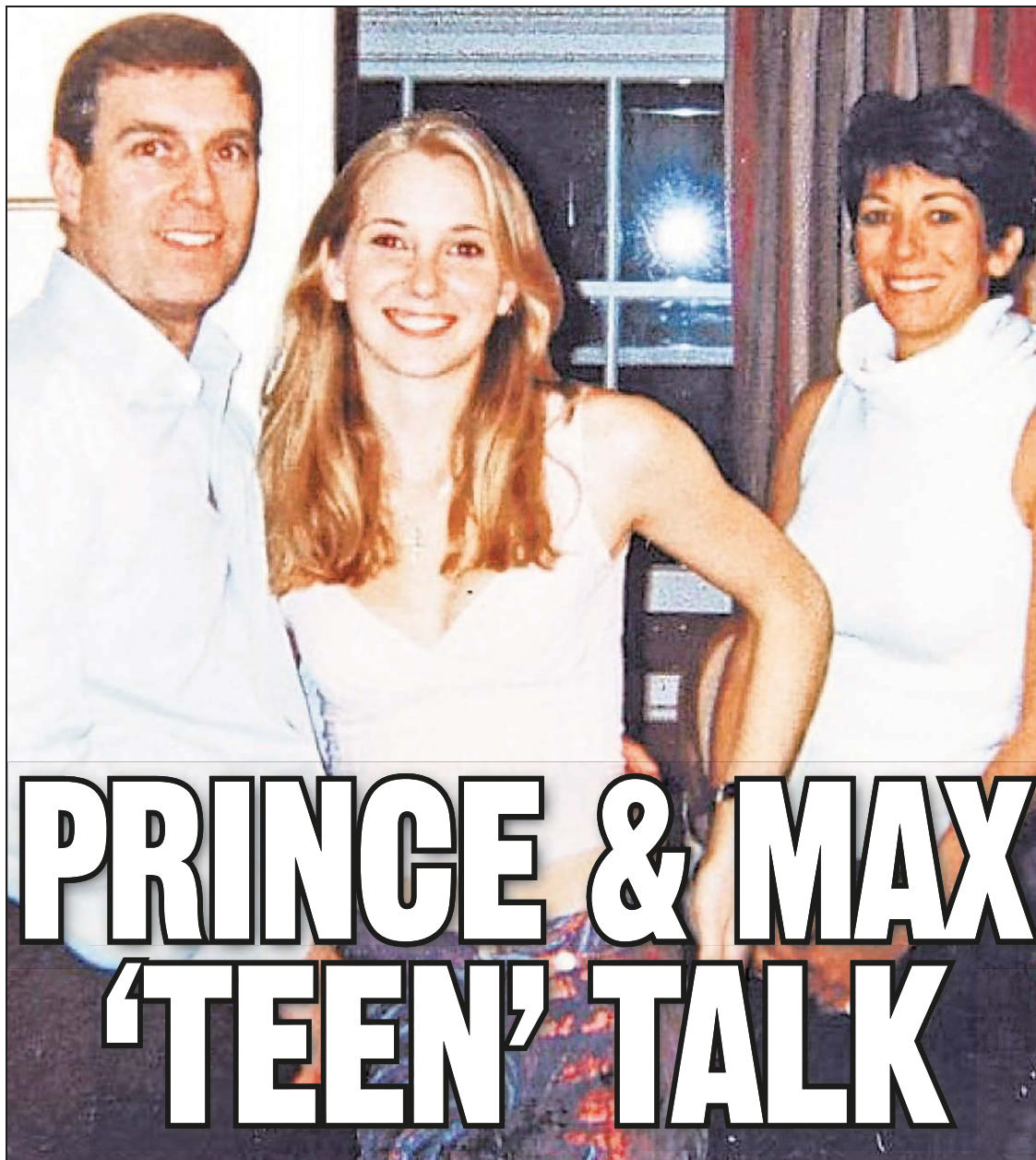
"I don't think he told me why she was a liar," Maxwell continued. "The substance of everything that she said was a lie with regard to him."

The exchange between the two close friends — and Andrew's apparent concern about Roberts, who now uses the last name Giuffre — was first revealed last year in a BBC "Panorama" documentary.

The 2016 deposition also shows Maxwell getting grilled over whether Giuffre was ever required to wear a "schoolgirl outfit."

"Was Virginia required to dress up in any way for massages?" Maxwell was asked, according to the transcript.

"I have no idea," Maxwell an-



PRINCE & MAX 'TEEN' TALK

CREEP SHOW: Prince Andrew stands mighty close to Jeffrey Epstein accuser Virginia Roberts Giuffre, with Ghislaine Maxwell smiling in the back, at his London home in this photo revealed through court proceedings.

swered, the transcript shows.

"For example, did you ever provide Virginia with a schoolgirl outfit to wear for a massage?"

"I have no idea what you are talking about," Maxwell repeated. Buckingham Palace issued a

statement denying Giuffre's allegations concerning Andrew on Jan. 2, 2015 — just one day before he reached out to Maxwell, his close friend.

"Any suggestion of impropriety with underage minors is categori-

cally untrue," the palace said at the time.

Maxwell issued a similar statement the same day, denying Giuffre's allegations that she was complicit in Epstein's abuse.

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This frat house was a pigsty!

A hog was rescued from a fraternity house in Tallahassee, Fla., where it's illegal to keep pigs as pets.

An anonymous caller reported Petunia the potbelly living the Greek life at Florida State University, an animal shelter said.

The porker didn't have a reliable food source, but she's now up for adoption and "getting healthier."

A treasure hunter was busted for digging up parts of Yellowstone National Park while searching for a chest of jewels hidden by an art collector, authorities said.

Rodrick Dow Craythorn, 52, of Utah, was looking for the loot — valued at more than \$2 million — last year when he allegedly began rooting through the park's national cemetery, federal prosecutors said.

Craythorn is accused of causing \$1,000 in damage.

Call them mom genes.

A pregnant California badass ran a mile in under six minutes — less than a week before she was due to give birth.

Makenna Myler, 28, said she sprinted the distance in five minutes and 25 seconds to win a bet with her husband, Mike.

An Australian left a lottery ticket on her refrigerator door for six months before learning she hit the jackpot.

The gal, from New South Wales, said she stuck the Lucky Lotteries Mega Jackpot ticket on her fridge back in April and didn't check the numbers until this month.

That's when she learned she'd won \$142,325.

This gobbler won't mess with geezers again.

A wildlife expert captured a wild turkey that had been terrorizing elderly neighbors in Oakland, Calif. — by posing as a frail old lady, according to a report.

Rebecca Dmytryk, a county wildlife-services director, bagged the fowl-tempered turkey after hunching over and pretending to be scared of him.

Natalie O'Neill, Wires

Bronx pizzeria slay

A man was stabbed to death outside a Bronx pizzeria Thursday evening, authorities said.

Kevin Smith, 62, was knifed in the lower back just before 7 p.m. in front of Bedford Pizza on Bedford Park Boulevard near Decatur Avenue in the Bedford Park neighborhood, according to police.

An unconscious and un-

responsive Smith, who lived less than a block from the pizzeria, was rushed to St. Barnabas Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Cops did not have additional details Friday morning on what led to the fatal attack. No one has been arrested in connection with the slaying.

Amanda Woods

Blas plans vote 'protectors'

Mayor de Blasio is sending hundreds of volunteers to poll sites in poor and immigrant neighborhoods on Election Day, claiming he needs to protect against a push to "intimidate voters" that he pinned on President Trump — despite little to no evidence of suppression efforts in the five boroughs.

"The president has made very clear he's intending to

defy the will of the voters," de Blasio said on WNYC radio Friday. "We want to believe that nothing like that will happen here, but when you start saying it can't happen here, that's exactly when it does happen."

New York City is not a swing district, and Hillary Clinton took 79 percent of the vote in 2016.

WNYC host Brian Lehrer

asked Hizzoner about concerns that because he's a progressive Democrat his plan may "backfire and encourage the Republican Party to send out its poll workers."

De Blasio ignored the question.

Common Cause has announced its own extensive election-protection program of in-person and digital poll monitors.

Julia Marsh

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HALLOWEEN TO DIY FOR

THEY RULE: Blogger Maria Colaco, with sons Thomas (left), and Charlie, set up a streetside table with clean, pre-packed individual treats.

Crafty trick-or-treating alternatives for a spooky yet safe fall celebration

By JANE RIDLEY

After seven-and-a-half months of lockdown during COVID-19, it's no wonder families are looking forward to the prospect of Halloween.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he wouldn't formally ban trick-or-treating this year, but added that he wouldn't necessarily encourage parents to take kids door to door either.

So how do you enjoy the spooky holiday and, at the same time, ensure your celebrations don't land you in quarantine-o-ween?

The New York Post consulted two parenting experts on ways to have fun with DIY Halloween decorations while following safety guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We should look on it as an opportunity to be more creative with our children," said Lindsey Peers, owner of Manhattan's the Craft Studio. "It's a nice idea to focus on family togetherness."

Chimed in Westchester lifestyle blogger Maria Colaco, of The-NewYorkMom.com: "You don't need to completely cancel everything — as long as you are vigilant and sensible."

Here are their top tips for a crafty, socially distanced Halloween.

Stephen Yang (3)



IF YOU LIVE IN THE SUBURBS

Colaco, 41, a marketing executive and content creator, is spearheading efforts in her small corner of Katonah, NY, to mark a special holiday.

"We are staying local," said the mom of 15-year-old Lily, Thomas, 7, and 2-year-old Charlie. "I put together a list of things we could manage as a neighborhood."

Folks will be wearing costumes as usual, but are being told to socially distance and stay in family units.

Added Colaco: "We came up with some creative methods to make sure the kids can still enjoy Halloween as part of their childhood."

1 A twist on 'Trunk or Treat'

Instead of the practice of decorating the inside of your car trunk and having children reach into it for candy, Colaco recommends setting up a table near your mailbox laden with pre-wrapped goodie bags prepared by clean, sanitized hands. They can contain candies and cheap Halloween treats like spiders and witches' fingers (from \$5 at Amazon.com). Colaco decorated her table with a colorful Day of the Dead theme, including painting a cool 3-D papier-mâché skull (\$16 at Amazon.com) with the help of Lily.

2 Boo and booze boxes

For the kids' version, fill a container (\$9.99 at Amazon.com) with goodies like candy, little coloring books and eyeball erasers (\$8.49 at Amazon.com). For adults, place a bottle of wine or liquor (with the label covered with a skull and crossbones printed from the Internet) in a basket. If you're feeling artistic, attach a hand-written extract from an Edgar Allen Poe poem on parchment paper. "Drop them off on a friend's doorstep, ring the bell and then run away," said Colaco. "Kids love the mystery of it all." The idea is for the gifted family to pass on the favor by creating a box for someone else. "It just travels," added the mom.

Candy bars on stakes

Attach full-size candy bars (we're in a pandemic, so why not splurge?) to marshmallow-roasting skewers (\$6.92 at Amazon.com) with duct tape. Stick them into the ground 6 feet apart. "We've created a little haunted graveyard out front with lights and a fog machine," said Colaco. "It's a scary mini maze with treats which should appeal to the teens and tweens."



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WINGIN' IT: Lindsey Peers and her kids painted wacky bats on a sheet and topped them with candy for passersby to pull off.

IF YOU LIVE IN THE CITY

1 Candy wall for apartment corridor

Peers, of the Upper East Side, insists her ideas are "easy and doable," devised with busy parents in mind.

She involved her kids, Elle, 6, Vivienne, 4, and 11-month-old Luke in all the activities so they could have fun and let off steam.

"They had a blast," said the 36-year-old entrepreneur. "The scavenger hunt was a particular hit with the girls because they couldn't contain their excitement checking off the items on their list."

Take an old white sheet or tablecloth and, using poster paint (from \$5, as part of the Halloween art supplies bundle at the Craft Studio), make a series of two handprints about 6 inches apart to resemble bats. Decorate them with googly eyes (from 99 cents at Michaels.com). Carefully, using scissors, make holes in the center of each bat and attach lollipops or small bags of candy by poking through pipe cleaners and twisting them. Fix the decorated sheet to the wall with Command picture-hanging strips (\$9.99 at Amazon.com). "My neighbors said the bat wall-hanging was chic and the kids enjoyed stripping it of candy," said Peers.

2 Spider candy dispenser

Fashion the spider's head and body from two black garbage bags stuffed with old clothes or spare packaging materials. Use clear packing tape to make them more rounded. Tear takeout pizza boxes into eight long strips and color them black with poster paint for the legs. Attach with tape. Stick on eyes made from Sharpie on thick white paper. Add glitter, stickers, googly eyes, pompoms or whatever you fancy. Next, using glue dots (\$4.99 at Michaels.com), stick candy at intervals on legs. "As with the candy wall, you need to restock the treats now and again," said Peers, explaining how families in her building will take turns to safely visit in "pods."

3 Scavenger hunt

"Age" a piece of white paper using teabags to look like an old treasure map. Write a list of 10 things to spot on a walking circle of your neighborhood, such as a red door, a family of jack-o'-lanterns or a witch's broom. Separately decorate two canvas bags with the words "Trick" and "Treat" using white school glue (95 cents at Amazon.com), googly eyes and glitter. Put candy in the one marked "Treat" and little things like gross-tasting Harry Potter jelly beans (from \$2.49 at Jelly-Belly.com) or a slime-puking pumpkin toy (\$8.98 at Amazon.com) in the "Trick" bag. "Once you're outside, the first person in your pod or family to point out something on the list gets a treat," explained Peers. "The others get a trick."



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Times Sq. ads slap J'Ivanka

Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump are threatening to sue over two giant pro-Joe Biden campaign billboards in Times Square that blast their response to the coronavirus crisis.

The billboards, posted Thursday by The Lincoln Project, show a smiling Ivanka gesturing toward the coronavirus death tolls for New Yorkers and Americans.

Jared, in a separate billboard abutting Ivanka's, is shown next to body bags and a quote that reads, "[New Yorkers] are going to suffer and that's their problem." The quote is attributed to Kushner from a Sept. 17 Vanity Fair article.

The Lincoln Project, an anti-Trump political action committee for Republicans, on Friday tweeted out the letter it received from a Trump family lawyer who threatens to sue unless the ads are "immediately" removed.

Kenneth Garger

Mitch's purple state

Age showing, hands down



By LIA EUSTACHEWICH and LAURA ITALIANO

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's hands have appeared black-and-blue and bandaged in recent days — but dermatologists say it's likely nothing more than the thinning skin and easy bruising that come with old age.

McConnell (left), 78, would only say "of course not" when asked if he had any health issues.

But the Kentucky Republican is probably suffering from a common bruising condition called senile purpura, dermatologists told The Post.

"Your skin just naturally becomes more fragile as you age," said Dr. Doris Day, a Manhattan-based dermatologist. "I think it's just a bruise."

Older skin loses its elasticity and its cushioning layer of collagen, doctors say. That naturally occurring fragility can be complicated by prior chronic sun exposure.

And taking any kind of blood thinner, even baby aspirin, makes heavy bruising more likely.

"It's not a problem if it goes away. If you do bruise and the bruise does not go away, then you need to see a hematologist," or blood doctor, Day said.

"There's not really much you can do," said Dr. Jeremy Fenton, a dermatologist at Schweiger Dermatology Group in Manhattan and Long Beach, L.I. "You can try some things, topical treatments that can build collagen and thicken the skin, such as retinoids, lactic-acid lotions, but it's going to be an uphill battle."

Fenton wondered whether McConnell's bruises resulted from an attempt to draw blood.

"But why does he have the bruising on his lips, too? That wouldn't be explained by someone drawing blood," Fenton said.

Speculation will only continue over the next week or so, dermatologists predict, as the bruises change from purple to green to yellow before finally fading away.

Now ear's a way to bite back

A man was allegedly jumped by a family of three in The Bronx Friday — and he defended himself by biting off the ear of one attacker, police sources said.

The trio — a mother, her husband and their son — ganged up on the 24-year-old victim when he tried to retrieve his phone from one of them outside of 2387 Creston Ave. in Fordham Heights at about 12:30 p.m., sources said.

The mother repeatedly struck the man with a cane, while the husband and son whacked the man with a piece of wood, the sources said.

At some point, the victim told cops, he bit off the ear of one assailant, saying it was an act of self-defense.

The victim was treated for bruising and swelling at St. Barnabas Hospital.

The suspects remained at large late Friday, cops said.

Tina Moore and Craig McCarthy

Post Weather Report

Saturday

Today: Fog in the morning; variable clouds. High 67 to 73.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and cooler. Low 41 to 47.

Sunday

Tomorrow: Cooler with times of clouds and sun. High 47 to 53.
Tomorrow night: Overcast. Low 45 to 51.

Monday

Mostly cloudy. High 57 to 63.
Evening Partly cloudy. Low 49 to 55.

Tuesday

Cloudy, a shower. High 50 to 56.
Evening Showers around. Low 44 to 50.

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 69, Low: 63, Mean: 66

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +11 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 2.73", Year: 34.43", Normal year to date: 40.94"

Heating Degree days yesterday.....0
Total for the month (normal)106 (174)
Total since July 1 (normal)142 (216)
Last season to date143
Wind Chill (at noon yest.) 66
UV index (for Sat.) 1 (Low)
Humidity (at noon) 87%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low. Predominant pollen: Ragweed
AQI rating: (for Sat.).....Good

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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:17 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:02 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:15 p.m.
Moonset today	12:10 a.m.

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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

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New York Tides	TODAY	TOMORROW
High Tide for Coney Island	1st 2:44a, 2nd 3:05p	1st 3:44a, 2nd 4:04p
Fire Island	2:46a, 3:21p	4:03a, 4:29p
Hempstead	6:51a, 7:16p	7:58a, 8:24p
Huntington	6:26a, 6:51p	7:35a, 8:01p
Jones Inlet	2:28a, 2:49p	3:28a, 3:48p
Montauk Point	4:00a, 4:33p	5:11a, 5:36p
Port Washington	6:59a, 7:25p	8:06a, 8:32p
Sandy Hook	2:48a, 3:09p	3:48a, 4:08p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	60/34/pc	50/37/pc
Danbury	68/35/c	51/42/pc
Glens Falls	62/31/pc	49/33/pc
Gr Barrington	63/34/pc	53/39/pc
Kingston	67/35/c	52/42/pc
Liberty	59/30/pc	50/38/pc
Monticello	59/32/c	50/37/pc
Newburgh	68/37/c	52/44/pc
Poughkeepsie	67/35/c	53/42/pc
Saratoga Springs	61/33/pc	49/36/pc
Stroudsburg	66/35/c	50/42/c
Torrington	64/36/c	51/42/pc
Syracuse	51/33/pc	51/38/pc

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	79/61/s	78/61/sh
Baghdad	96/59/pc	94/60/pc
Beijing	67/41/pc	67/42/pc
Berlin	59/49/pc	63/48/pc
Cairo	82/64/s	82/66/s
Dublin	53/43/r	52/45/sh
Geneva	61/45/sh	63/48/c
Hong Kong	78/73/pc	80/73/pc
Jerusalem	83/63/pc	78/60/pc
Kabul	68/39/s	67/34/s
London	62/48/r	56/45/sh
Madrid	61/50/pc	58/45/r
Mexico City	75/48/pc	77/51/pc
Montreal	53/32/pc	44/35/pc
Moscow	51/42/r	49/39/r
Paris	63/54/pc	56/47/r
Rio de Janeiro	80/71/c	77/71/t
Rome	69/53/sh	68/56/pc
Sydney	77/60/t	61/58/r
Tokyo	66/51/pc	67/53/pc

Joe the Dodger

He still won't answer questions about Hunter

FIRST, Joe Biden's Praetorian Guard in the media argued that the New York Post's Hunter Biden scoop was "Russian disinformation." The DOJ, FBI and DNI each publicly disagreed. No one in the Biden camp has denied the veracity of a single e-mail thus far. Yet, as of this writing, The Post's Twitter account was still frozen, and most major news outlets won't report the story.

The next deflection was to play on your emotions: "How dare you mock a father struggling with the addiction of his son?!" This isn't about Hunter's addictions, predilections or life choices, but about his favor-trading and whether a presidential candidate benefited from them during his tenure as vice president of the United States.

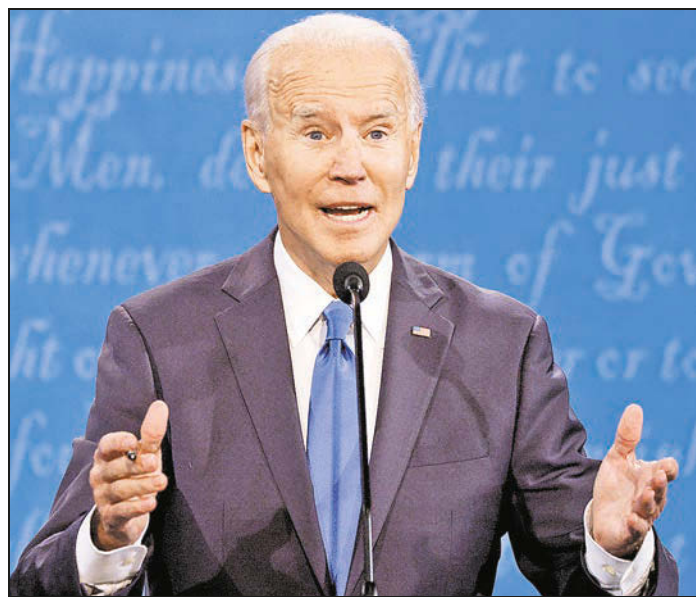
A Wisconsin reporter finally asked Biden what he thought about Sen. Ron Johnson accusing his family of profiting from Hunter's shady arrangements. Biden teed off on Johnson, who he claimed "should be ashamed of himself" for suggesting that the Bidens "profited off" the family name — an indisputable fact, and one that Hunter himself has admitted.

Biden claimed the "vast majority of the intelligence people have come out and said there's no basis at all" — a complete fabrication. What he didn't do was answer any specific questions.

Even during Thursday night's debate with President Trump, Biden claimed he hadn't been in business with his son but again failed to answer the more pertinent question of whether he had ever benefited from those relationships.

If all of this is really wild and crazy conspiracy theory — "spaghetti being thrown at the wall," as one CNN host claimed — then Biden would be championing at the bit to dispel it. In fact, he very well might have some good answers to the questions that journalists ought to be asking him. For instance:

In 2018, you bragged that as vice president you had threatened Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko with the withdrawal of United States aid if he didn't fire state prosecutor Victor Shokin.



Just try to pin him down: Even at this week's debate, Biden skirted the specifics about his son's business dealings when he was vice president.

kin. You called Poroshenko on Feb. 11, 12, 18 and 19 and demanded he fire the prosecutor — only days after the prosecutor had seized Burisma's owner's property.

Did you know at the time that Shokin was investigating Burisma, the oil company that was paying your son Hunter more than

\$50,000 a month? Did you ever talk to your son about Shokin?

Last year, in an interview with Axios, you claimed you had no idea what Hunter was doing at Burisma. Yet in 2015, two Obama administration officials had raised concerns to the White House about Hunter's relationship with the oil company, worried that the relationship undermined the administration's anti-corruption message.

Did you hear about these complaints at the time? Were you troubled that Hunter's leveraging of the Biden name might look like influence-peddling? Why did you think he was making so much money?

Similarly, though you have claimed that you had no idea what Hunter was doing at Burisma, an e-mail found on Hunter's laptop — now verified as authentic by Fox News — shows an executive from the oil company thanking your son for facilitating a meeting between

you and he while you were still vice president.

Did you take that meeting? If so, did you talk about Hunter's work? If not, what did you talk about with the executive?

Have you ever financially benefited from Hunter's relationship with Burisma or any Ukrainian company — or has he held money for you in trust from any such deal?

Again, you claimed in the past to have no idea about Hunter's business, yet he accompanied you on an Air Force Two flight to China in 2013. Two years earlier, you reportedly met with Chinese Communist Party members and favored billionaires in Beijing as vice president, in a meeting facilitated by Hunter's associates. What did you discuss at this meeting?

Hunter's e-mails claim you would be getting a 10 percent share in a deal he struck with a Chinese energy firm — that he secured trading in on the Biden name. Did you ever benefit financially from this deal or any other deals made by Hunter in China, or has he held money for you in trust from any such deal?

There may well be excellent answers to all these questions. Journalists, of course, won't even investigate these incidents now, much less put the presidential candidate on the spot.

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FAST TAKES

Conservative: Trump Cleaned Biden's Clock

Thursday's debate may have seemed like a draw, but a closer look, argues Marc Thiessen at The Washington Post, shows that President Trump "cleaned [Joe] Biden's clock." Trump was the only candidate to damage his opponent with a key constituency: black voters. He "successfully reminded" them of "Biden's role in the mass incarceration of African Americans — and how Biden failed, and Trump succeeded, in passing criminal-justice reform to end it." Biden's "feeble" excuse: He had a Republican Congress. "Sorry," says Thiessen, but when Biden and President Obama took office, "Democrats controlled both houses of Congress" and had "a 60-vote-filibuster-proof supermajority in the Senate for parts of 2009 and 2010." That exchange in the debate "could have a lasting impact on Election Day."

Legal beat: Joe's Latest Court-Packing Dodge

After weeks of hedging on court-packing, "the single most radical and destructive proposal on the table this election," Joe Biden finally gave ... another "non-answer," complains National Review's Dan McLaughlin: He promises a bipartisan commission "to kick the can down the road for the first six months of his term," doing whatever it takes to avoid taking a stand before the election. Some hope this "signals a retreat, given that bipartisan commissions rarely result" in radical proposals becoming law. But with Kamala Harris as vice president, nothing is off the table. "The best way for conservatives to stop court-packing, even if the Democrats take the White House, is to hold the Senate — and begin building public support for a permanent constitutional safeguard."

From the right: Wake-Up Call for Oil States

At the end of the 90-minute debate, when "whatever pharmaceutical additives he'd been given had begun to wear off," Joe Biden admitted he that wants to destroy the oil and gas industry, Scott McKay points out at The American Spectator. That officially ends Biden's "awkward dance" around the question, and voters in "oil- and gas-producing states" will notice. They'll now have to ask themselves: "Are you willing to literally throw away your economic future so that Joe Biden's Chinese pals can come and install solar panels out in the desert?" McKay predicts "every oil company doing business in swing states" will be on the air "outing Biden for declaring war on them" and on the "hundreds of thousands" of jobs they produce.

Urban desk: A Failed No-Police Experiment

In the aftermath of George Floyd's death, Minneapolis worked to replace its police force with "alternative ways of preventing crime" — but violence has surged, reports Paddy Hannam at Spiked, and eight residents have now sued the city council for "failing to provide adequate policing." While the "privileged" push to defund the police, "society's worst-off are the most likely to suffer." City lawyers say the suit "lacks footing" because none of the residents has been personally shot. So the city will continue to cut police resources despite "an increase in violent crime." Upshot: "In a post-police world, the wealthy will still be able to hire private security to keep them safe," while "others will have no such recourse."



George Floyd

Big Tech watch: The 'Good Censor' Delusion

Big Tech likes to think of itself as a good censor, able "to limit" users' "behaving badly," notes Niall Ferguson at Bloomberg Opinion. Yet "network platforms are now the public sphere." And even though "fake news and extreme views" have become a real threat to national discourse, "half-hearted and ill-considered attempts by the companies to regulate themselves better have led to legitimate complaints that they are restricting free speech." The only solution: make network platforms "legally liable for the content they host" and "impose the equivalent of First Amendment obligations." In a reference to Rudyard Kipling's comment about a harlot's "power without responsibility," Ferguson looks at the "overmighty role that Big Tech" plays and doesn't "see good censors" but "big, bad harlots."

— Compiled by Ashley Allen & Adam Brodsky

Andrew's Toxic Politics

Getting nearly everyone vaccinated for the coronavirus is vital to finally getting America back to normal. So it's beyond outrageous that Gov. Cuomo has been feeding "anti-vax" fears, just to score a few cheap anti-Trump points.

The gov announced this week that he won't distribute any federally approved COVID-19 vaccine until his own experts re-view it and deem it safe.

"I think it's going to be a very skeptical American public about taking the vaccine, and they should be," he told "Good Morning America" — ironically, in an appearance promoting his new book on his supposedly miraculous leadership amid the pandemic.

Cuomo said he doesn't "trust this federal administration and their health administration" on a vaccine. "You're going to need someone other than this FDA and this CDC saying it's safe."

Bull: No way would all the career professionals at those agencies go along with putting lives at risk, no matter what the politicians might order.

And why, exactly, should anyone trust Cuomo's own heath minions to get it right? Even setting aside their deadly March 25 order to force infected patients into nursing homes, they've just been exposed as bungling from the start of the pandemic.

New York's Public Health and Health Planning committees, which advise the Health Department, this week slammed Team Cuomo for heavily focusing on hospitals while ignoring input from other pub-

lic-health officials and medical providers.

"All participants collectively felt that the voice of the health-care and public-health community — outside of hospitals — was missing in the state's response to COVID," the panels reported. State policymakers are "too often unaware of the needs" of the local population, with local medical providers "undervalued in planning and policy making."

The report revealed that primary-care and local health departments were "the last to get" personal protective equipment and coronavirus tests. And they were "unable to utilize their local lab capacity," even as one hospital reported that 80 percent of its coronavirus patients were home in the community.

The panels also noted countless complaints from nursing-home operators about that disastrous March 25 order, which led to thousands of deaths. Insiders all know that the driving force behind that killer mandate was the hospital lobby, which was panicking about possibly running out of beds.

Instead of owning up to his mistakes, Cuomo's making the media rounds pushing his book, in which he paints himself as a hero before the pandemic is even over. He's been too busy, it seems, to meet with the families of those who lost loved ones in nursing homes — some of whom put copies of his book cover in a casket at a recent protest.

If you really want to show leadership, governor, stop putting lives at risk as you look to score dirty political points.

Chris' Killing Hypocrisy

CNN's Chris Cuomo is proving himself king of the "do as I say, not as I do."

The latest: Even as he pushes obsessively from his primetime cable pulpit about wearing face masks, he just got caught regularly skipping the public-health precaution himself.

Management at the anchor's Manhattan apartment building is trying to set him straight — with a written warning for repeatedly violating the rules, and so risking a \$500 fine.

"You have been observed entering and exiting the building and riding the elevator without the required face coverings," reads the Aug. 6 letter, as reported by Fox News' Tucker Carlson.

"Even though staff members have asked you to comply with this requirement, you have refused to do so. This is a violation of the Executive Order, building policy, and places other residents and our staff at risk.

There are no exceptions to this rule, and you are required to comply."

That "executive order" comes from Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the anchor's big brother.

"Rules for thee but not for me" looks to be Chris' mantra. Back in April, he was caught ignoring the rules while living out in the Hamptons. He actually had the virus, yet Cuomo failed to quarantine properly, even getting into a fight with a bicyclist who harassed him for hanging outside of his East Hampton home in April.

Having recovered now, he may have immunity — but that makes going maskless in his city building even more shameful.

And his recent slam at President Trump for going maskless: "I got my wife and son sick just like he did. But with me, it crushed me. It left me ashamed and super sensitive to keeping people safe," said Cuomo. Are your neighbors not people, Chris?

What a moralizing phony.

Yet Another Trump Peace Deal

"Three months ago, no one thought this was possible. Even Bibi didn't know if this was possible, right, Bibi?" — President Trump, on the phone with Israel's prime minister Friday discussing Sudan's move to join the rush of Arab nations making peace with the Jewish state

Using Joe's Post for Cash: Hunter's China Connection

•The Post's exposure of details of the Biden family's association with China is ominous ("Joe lied," Oct. 23).

Tony Bobulinski revealed documented details of the arrangements between the Biden clan and Chinese companies, resulting in excessive salaries for Hunter Biden and possibly riches for his extended family.

Why would Chinese companies approve excessive compensation to the vice president's son, disregarding his lack of qualifications for the positions? The evidence being delivered to the FBI by Bobulinski must result in an investigation.

John Gargiulo
Queens

•Let's face it, Joe "The Big Guy" Biden and his son are nothing but cheats and liars.

He's a former vice president who's now running for the highest office in the country, and he was allegedly involved

THE ISSUE: Reports that Joe Biden knew his son used his name in pitching deals with Chinese companies.



in business deals with Communist China to make members of his family millions of dollars.

His son Hunter got caught with the e-mails, just like Hillary Clinton did. It's amazing how much these people think they can get away with.

Rob Johann
Queens

•It would be nice if the largely liberal media displayed a little more curiosity about the graft allegations involving the Bidens.

A healthy, impartial and

responsible media would be digging deep into this story to unearth any facts that would either discredit or lend credence to the emerging narrative.

You can be sure that if this involved Trump and one of his sons, media outlets would have armies of reporters working around the clock.

The American people deserve a full account of this ostensible scandal surrounding the Biden family.

Michael J. DiStefano
Jamestown, RI

•Bobulinski's revelation, based on first-hand knowledge, should put an end to the Biden campaign.

Of course, that won't be the case, so long as the media and Big Tech cover up the story or dismiss it out of hand.

Robert Mangi
Westbury

The Pope's Call for Gay Rights

•As a Catholic, I would like to applaud Pope Francis' stand on gay unions ("Pope backs gay marriage," Oct. 22).

He said: "Homosexuals have a right to be part of a family." I totally agree.

The pope believes no one should be thrown out of the church because of whom they love. I myself rented a room back in the 1970s from two gay men who showed much love for one another and wanted to be married and adopt children.

I understand there are those who would disagree with the pope, but remember Matthew 7:1

THE ISSUE: Pope Francis' support in a recent documentary for civil-union laws to protect same-sex couples.

— "Stop judging, that you may not be judged." We are all children of God and deserve his love.

Frederick R. Bedell
Bellerose

•The pope is an apostate for airing his personal views on same-sex marriage. He has defied the long-standing position of the church on the matter as well as that of sacred scripture.

Just think of the damage he has done by putting every Catholic dio-

cese in the world in crisis regarding the sacrament of marriage.

Robert Sheehan
Beaufort, SC

•Pope Francis has just given his approval to same-sex unions.

The pontiff says these couples are the children of God and deserve the right to raise a family. Will this open the door for gay priests' right to marry and start a family?

Thomas Patrick Folan
Miller Place

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Lose-Lose Candidates

ARE both presidential candidates trying to lose? Or at least pursuing campaign strategies that put them at grave risk of defeat?

In nearly four years, Donald Trump has made little effort to win over the 50 percent-plus of voters who didn't support him in 2016. Having proved that he could win the presidency without a plurality of the popular vote, he has ignored the possibility that he could govern more effectively if he were reelected with an absolute majority.

You can see the results as Trump supporters scan the polling data for encouraging information. They quickly pass over the national polls showing him trailing by 7.7 percent, according to a RealClearPolitics average of recent polls. They focus instead on the chart showing him running slightly better against Joe Biden in the battleground states than he was against Hillary Clinton two to three weeks out in 2016.

If these numbers prove as much off the mark as in 2016, Trump could win a second term with 270-plus electoral votes. But that conclusion requires a lot of assumptions.

Past polling hasn't leaned consistently toward one party, and pollsters tend to compensate — often overcompensate — for apparent past mistakes.

Astonishingly, Trump has failed to emphasize his two signature 2016 issues: immigration and trade. He can claim that his new trade agreements and economic policies

have produced income and wealth gains disproportionately favoring low-wage workers — something administrations of both parties have failed to achieve for a generation.

And he can argue that his immigration policies — and the cooperation he has successfully wrested from Mexico — have prevented the surge of unskilled illegal immigrants that could easily resume the minute the networks call the election for Joe Biden.

Biden has a different strategy, with risks of its own. With a solid lead in the polls, and with COV-

business deals. Harris, similarly, keeps out of question range. ABC's Jonathan Karl notes that she's taken more questions from the cast of "The Avengers" than from the traveling press.

Obviously, the Biden-Harris ticket is deflecting attention from the radical policies that Biden has endorsed — and that almost everyone in the press corps favors. After 40 years of opposing government-paid abortions, he now backs them. He's likely to use regulations to reduce fracking, which has reduced gas prices and carbon emissions. His tax increases threaten to stymie economic recovery.

There's one problem with this strategy: If something does rock the boat, it could tip it over. A sudden brain freeze or an unanticipated negative story could capsize the campaign. Efforts to help the Biden campaign, such as Twitter's and Facebook's attempts to conceal the New York Times's Hunter Biden story, could boomerang and catch voters' attention.

The Biden campaign is aware of the risks. It quickly rejected the Trump campaign's proposal to reschedule the canceled Oct. 15 debate to Oct. 29.

The fact is that both these septuagenarian candidates are capable of political self-harm.

They have been willing to share their vagrant and passing thoughts on matters momentous and trivial at great, and sometimes embarrassing, length. The question now is whether Trump can repress that impulse or provoke Biden to indulge it.



MICHAEL BARONE

ID-19 providing a rationale for laying low, he's running out the clock. On nearly half the days in September, his staffers announced an early lid. Sometimes, he'd generate no news after 9 a.m. He took three days off this week for debate preparation.

He and vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris have taken almost no questions from reporters, almost all of whom seem determined not to ask anything that might hurt his chances.

Biden has answered which flavor milkshake he ordered but has refused to say whether he, like many other Democrats, would support packing the Supreme Court. He chewed out the one reporter who asked him about his son Hunter's

Gov't Buildings *Don't* Have To Be Hideous

GOVERNMENT architecture is not a subject that typically gets much public attention. That changed in February with the leaking of a draft presidential executive order that would re-orient federal architecture in a traditional direction, including a requirement that new office buildings in Washington be classical in design.

Controversy erupted. The American Institute of Architects wailed: "President Trump, this draft order is antithetical to giving the 'people' a voice and would set an extremely harmful precedent." Then came the media pile-on, with The New York Times sneering about "fake Roman temples" and Wired fretting about the "new architects of fear." Numerous other outlets rushed to make comparisons to Hitler.

In reality, an order like this would respect longstanding precedent and properly return federal architecture to its origins. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson conceived that classical architecture, harkening to democratic Greece and republican Rome, best embodied the new nation's ideals. Seeing classical architecture as unsurpassed in beauty and grandeur, as well as a reflection of reason and order, these two founders personally oversaw the design of the White House and Capitol and ensured the capital city was planned along classical lines.

Such features as columns, pediments, pillars and domes came to visually symbolize American democracy and set the precedent for nearly 150 years. Indeed, in 1901, the Treasury Department codified existing practice by making classicism the official style.

In 1962, however, the White House's "Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture" rejected official classicism in favor of modern-

JUSTIN SHUBOW

variously derided as a "Borg cube," "hulking, aggressive tower" and having a "sinister dimension."

Is this really what Americans want in their federal architecture? The opposition to Trump's purportedly "undemocratic" order completely ignored that question.

Thanks to a Harris Poll survey (available at civcart.org) on behalf of the National Civic Art Society, we now know: Nearly three-quarters of Americans (72 percent) prefer classical and traditional architecture for US courthouses and federal office buildings.

The poll found broad preference for traditional style among all demographic groups: women and men (77

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ism — the austere, functionalist aesthetic, which, together with its post-modernist progeny, dominates federal architecture to this day. Since 1994, only six of the 78 federal buildings constructed under the current design program have been classical or traditional.

What do Americans have to show for all the post-war construction done in their name? Much of it would have looked more at home in the dreary cities of our Soviet rivals: buildings like the Brutalist J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building, famously loathed by President Trump.

The hulking concrete pile that's home to the Department of Housing and Urban Development has received bipartisan condemnation from its various occupants. Republican HUD Secretary Jack Kemp called it "10 floors of basement"; a later Democratic successor, Shaun Donovan, said it was "among the most reviled in all of Washington — and with good reason."

The General Services Administration, the agency overseeing the design and construction of government buildings, insists on calling the HUD headquarters an "outstanding Modern achievement." More recent GSA buildings, some of them avant-garde, have been

and 67 percent respectively); African Americans, whites and Hispanics (62, 75 and 65 percent); even across generations and income levels. The results were also strongly bipartisan, with 70 percent of Democrats and 73 percent of Republicans favoring the traditional option.

That comports with prior studies. As The Wall Street Journal reported, a 2007 Harris poll commissioned by the AIA showed "Americans preferred older buildings that evoke ancient architectural styles such as Gothic, Greek and Roman traditions. Of the top 50 [buildings], only 12 can be described as 'modern-looking.'" Numerous peer-reviewed academic studies have found a great disconnect between the aesthetic preferences of contemporary architects and ordinary people.

The architectural establishment has been trying to quash democratic preferences for years. But unlike the tiny minority of elites howling over the executive order, when normal people see a classical courthouse, they don't see a "fake Roman temple" — they see a temple of justice. Nothing could be more democratic than an executive order that gives Americans what they want.

Justin Shubow is president of the National Civic Art Society.



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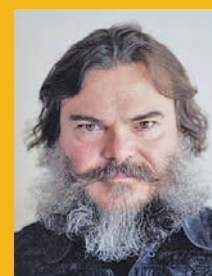
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

AIG \$lapped

AIG agreed to give up claims to more than \$400 million of foreign tax credits and to accept a 10 percent tax penalty to settle accusations it used abusive tax shelters, the DOJ said Friday.

AmEx slump

American Express reported a nearly 40 percent slump in quarterly profit, hurt by weak user spending on travel and entertainment.

Upbeat bank

Barclays sounded a cautiously optimistic note about the bank's prospects of rebounding from the pandemic after it posted a profit in the third quarter. The bank earned \$799 million in the three months ending Sept. 30, after losing \$380.8 million in the prior year.

McD's fight

McDonald's asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit accusing it of selling black owners subpar stores, saying obviously it wasn't in its interest to have franchisees fail.

Bloom bopped

COVID-19, destroyer of holiday traditions, has come for Bloomingdale's little brown bear. Gone, too, from the luxe retailer's seasonal lineup are chocolates to sample in the gift shop. Instead, there's curbside pickup and the ability to buy Lanvin and Valentino's men's shoes online.
Sources: AP, Dow Jones, Reuters and wires

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Multimillion-dollar food fight



Il Mulino founder Jerry Katzoff is suing his lenders, accusing them of plotting to oust him from the business. A \$35 million loan has been called in despite the pandemic lockdown.

James Messerschmidt

Pasta flies in battle to control Il Mulino

By STEVE CUOZZO

The glamorous Il Mulino Italian restaurant empire might soon be *fegato tritato* — or chopped liver, as New Yorkers say.

Il Mulino owner Jerry Katzoff sued his lenders on Friday accusing them of a plot to squeeze him out of the business — the latest legal salvo between the restaurateur and his chain's chief lender, Benefit Street Partners, which have been duking it out since last spring over a defaulted \$35 million loan.

That battle, as The Post has reported, led Katzoff to file Chapter 11 bankruptcy for seven of 16 Il Mulino locations in late July. The bankruptcy proceeding does not affect Il Mulino's Big Apple eateries — only its high-profile locations in Las Vegas, Miami and the Hamptons, a favorite of celebs like Jimmy Fallon and Bethenny Frankel.

But the increasingly tense battle for control now clouds the future of the entire restaurant chain, including the West Third Street original where former presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton bonded over bruschetta.

Katzoff sued BSP in Manhattan state

court for its efforts to enforce a \$10 million personal loan guarantee he signed, saying the loan was “fraudulently induced,” according to court papers.

Katzoff is seeking \$50 million from BSP for alleged fraud and “tortious interference” in his business relationship with his longtime managing partner Brian Galligan. He claims BSP barred Galligan from his longtime role of managing Il Mulino day-to-day in a twisted effort to lower its value.

The suit also claims that the lenders:

■ Installed BSP executive King Jang as Il Mulino's “director of corporate finance,” a role that saw Jang filling “his gluttonous appetite with free meals and expensive wines at Il Mulino restaurants for himself and others totaling thousands of dollars that he shamelessly directed Katzoff to ‘comp.’”

■ Tricked Katzoff into believing that BSP would extend the \$35 million loan due to the pandemic-driven lockdown before aggressively calling for payments.

Katzoff couldn't be reached. The lawyer for BSP, Michael Goldstein of Goodwin Proctor, didn't respond to a request for comment.

ZUCK FACING WRATH

Next fed antitrust suit?

By NICOLAS VEGA and JOSH KOSMAN

Step aside, Google — it may soon be Facebook's turn to take the antitrust spotlight.

Federal regulators are reportedly in the final innings of their probe of the giant social network and are now discussing their next steps in the case.

The five commissioners of the Federal Trade Commission met on Thursday to discuss the 17-month investigation, which could result in the second blockbuster Big Tech lawsuit this year, according to a report by The Washington Post.

The regulator has been examining whether Facebook has abused its market dominance to quash competition and had placed a focus on Facebook's previous acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp.

FTC staffers have already taken testimony from CEO Mark Zuckerberg. Any lawsuit against Facebook would require a majority vote from the FTC's commission, which currently consists of two Democrats and three Republicans.

George Washington University law professor William Kovacic, who was a Republican-appointed FTC commissioner from 2006 through October 2011, says he believes the FTC will sue the social-networking giant before the end of the year and that it may try to force Facebook to spin off Instagram.

“The charge will be Facebook obtained and maintained a monopoly through its series of acquisitions,” Ko-

vacic told The Post. “If you're the FTC you ask for [Instagram to be spun off] even if you don't get it” and settle instead, he added.

He added that FTC Chairman Joe Simons does not want the regulator to repeat the same mistake it did in 2013, when after a big investigation of Google it didn't sue. The search giant then got more anti-competitive, spurring this week's suit from the Justice Department — the biggest challenge to Big Tech in 22 years.

Simons has the three votes needed on the five-member FTC commission to bring a suit, Kovacic added. That includes the support of Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, the former chief counsel to Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer.

Facebook was hit with a record-shattering \$5 billion fine last year following the FTC's probe into its 2014 promise to bar third-party developers from accessing data from the “friends” of app users.

Instead, the FTC says, Facebook “grandfathered” developers already on the platform, including British consulting firm Cambridge Analytica, known for using a personality test to better target voters with ads ahead of the 2016 presidential election.

The news arrives the same week that Senate Judiciary Committee Republicans voted to subpoena Zuckerberg to answer for Facebook's censorship of The Post's expose on the Biden family's foreign business dealings in Ukraine and China.

App screens for ice cream

Countless diners have been let down by McDonald's famously unreliable ice cream machines — but a new site aims to help them avoid the crushing disappointment.

The McBroken site uses the magic of automation to check whether each one of the Golden Arches' US restaurants has ice cream available. The app places a red dot on a map for each location with a broken machine and a green dot for every store currently dish-

ing up McFlurries and \$1 vanilla cones.

The Web site, created by software engineer Rashid Zahid, makes it easy to see how many ice-cream machines are out of commission in one's local area as well as nationwide. For instance, roughly 24 percent of McDonald's New York stores didn't have ice cream as of 10:30 a.m. Friday, the site showed, compared with just about 9.9 percent for the entire US.

Rather than call up McDonald's more than 14,000 US stores for their ice cream status, Zahid has computers do the work for him.

The program he built tries to order a McSundae from each restaurant through the McDonald's app every 30 minutes, according to The Verge. The McDonald's app blocks users from ordering items that aren't available.

Noah Manskar



Coke's 'losing' more fizz

Tab isn't the only beverage Coca-Cola is pouring down the drain.

The soft-drink giant plans to get rid of about 200 brands — roughly half of its portfolio — in an effort to focus on its top-performing products.

The Atlanta-based company provided more details of the upcoming brand purge in its quarterly earnings call Thursday, about a week after announcing it would retire the pioneering diet soda Tab by Dec. 31 after a 57-year run.

Coke plans to shelve brands across all of its beverage categories, but the "hydration" segment will likely see a bigger reduction than the others, CEO James Quincey said. His comments came as Coke reported an 11 percent drop in quarterly sales volumes for its waters and sports drinks, which include the Dasani and Powerade brands.

The brands getting cut are also "much more local" than Coke's better-performing drinks, according to Quincey. He didn't name names, but the company previously said it would be killing regional names such as Northern Neck Ginger Ale and Delaware Punch.

Coke has a clear financial incentive for the culling — in July, Quincey said more than half of its 400 master brands had "little to no scale."

Noah Manskar

Big 'Barbie' boost

Long-reigning doll queen leads toymaker's surge

By LISA FICKENSCHER

Barbie is getting a big boost from the coronavirus pandemic.

Sales of the iconic 62-year-old doll surged 29 percent in the most recent quarter, notching their best performance in at least two decades, according to Mattel.

The El Segundo, Calif., toy giant said late Thursday that fierce demand for Barbies through summer's end helped fuel a hefty 10 percent increase in overall revenues to \$1.6 billion for the quarter ended Sept. 30.

Mattel shares on Friday rose 9.6 percent to \$14.15.

Sales of toys have been one of the bright spots in an otherwise bleak retail landscape during the pandemic as parents look for ways to entertain their home-bound children and to get them off screens, say experts.

Mattel said its vehicles business, led by Hot Wheels, surged 6 percent

It's \$Show and Mattel

Amid the pandemic, Mattel's iconic Barbie doll and other hot toys helped boost company revenues to \$1.6 billion for the quarter ending Sept. 30.



during the quarter. Games, action figures and building sets were up 14 percent, boosted by the Baby Yoda plush doll.

Toy consultant Richard Gottlieb believes the surge in Barbie sales is driven by

moms whose opinions of Barbie have changed for the better. Over the past several years, Mattel has rolled out a series of new Barbie dolls reflecting various body types and skin tones as well as non-gender-specific dolls.

"We have a new generation of moms who are not hung up on Barbie stereotypes," Gottlieb said, and Mattel has changed the doll's image from "being this over-the-top, impossible figure and lifestyle."

Earlier this year, retailers were left with a glut of toys after a disappointing holiday season, crimping Mattel's sales. But they have finally sold through the surplus amid lockdown-driven demand and have begun placing more orders, according to DA Davidson analyst Linda Bolton Weiser.

Barbie sales spiked recently because of the "Barbie Princess Adventure" movie that came out on Netflix in September, and recently sales of Barbie at stores were up by 50 percent, Weiser said.

"Mattel didn't even ship enough Barbie to stores," she noted.

Mattel said earnings during the quarter surged to \$316 million, or 91 cents a share.

"This was a very strong quarter for Mattel," Chief Executive Ynon Kreiz said in a statement. "Mattel's growth outpaced the industry as we gained share in key markets around the world."

Tesla recall in China

Tesla is recalling roughly 30,000 imported cars in China that have problems with their suspensions, regulators said Friday.

The electric-car maker has identified two different suspension defects in some imported Model S and Model X vehicles produced between Sept. 17, 2013, and Jan. 15, 2018, according to China's State Administration for Market Regulation.

More than 18,000 of the affected

vehicles potentially have both of the defects, which could affect control of the car, the agency said in a news release. Tesla will repair the affected cars for free "to eliminate potential safety hazards," officials said.

Tesla did not immediately respond to a request for comment Friday. But the company sent a letter to US regulators arguing the recall was unnecessary.

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Uber, Lyft court loss

A California appeals court said Uber and Lyft must treat their drivers there as employees, handing the ride-hailing giants another defeat in a legal battle that could upend their business.

The Thursday ruling came as the Silicon Valley firms urged California voters to exempt them from a state law meant to force companies to treat gig workers as employees rather than independent contrac-

tors and provide them benefits such as sick leave and a minimum wage. The issue is on the November ballot.

The three-judge appellate panel upheld a lower court's August ruling ordering Uber and Lyft to reclassify their drivers as employees under the law known as AB5 — a decision that led both companies to threaten to halt their operations in the state.

Noah Manskar, Wires

Shot in arm for vax trial

Pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca resumed the US trial of its experimental COVID-19 vaccine following approval Friday by federal health regulators — as a new analysis by independent scientists found that the vaccine provokes a powerful immune response.

The drugmaker said the Food and Drug Administration "authorized the restart" of the late-stage trial.

AstraZeneca's US trial was halted more than a month ago following a report of a serious neurological illness.

Yaron Steinbuch and Natalie Musumeci

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RACK 2

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RACK 3

E ₁	E ₁	E ₁	L ₁	F ₄	R ₁

RACK 4

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Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
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♥ A J
♦ K 5
♣ A 5 4

WEST
♠ 10 9 5
♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ K 10

EAST
♠ Q J 8 2
♥ 9 5
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 9 8 7

SOUTH
♠ None
♥ K Q 6 4 3
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ Q 6 3 2

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♦ Q

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Cy the Cynic defines "multitasking" as fouling up two things at once. At today's slam, declarer had two tasks to accomplish: He needed to set up dummy's spades and keep control of trumps.

South won the first diamond with the ace, took the A-J of trumps, discarded diamonds on A-K of spades and ruffed a spade. He led a diamond to dummy's king and ruffed another spade with his queen of trumps. The suit broke 4-3, so dummy's last two spades were good.

But when South cashed the king of trumps next, East discarded. The ace of clubs won South's last trick: down two.

South established dummy's long suit, but it did him no good when he failed to maintain trump control. After South takes the A-J of trumps, he should lead a low spade from dummy and discard.

If East returns a diamond, South takes the king, ruffs a spade and draws trumps. He can then go to the ace of clubs to take the A-K and two good spades. He wins five trumps, four spades, two diamonds and a club.

Word Force

ABBREVIATE

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 12** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN MONDAY'S POST
Yesterday's word:

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death	eared	fared	heard	three
defer	earth	fated	heart	trade
deter	eater	feted	rated	tread
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Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only**. Do not circle the word. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

MIXING IT UP Solution: 6 letters

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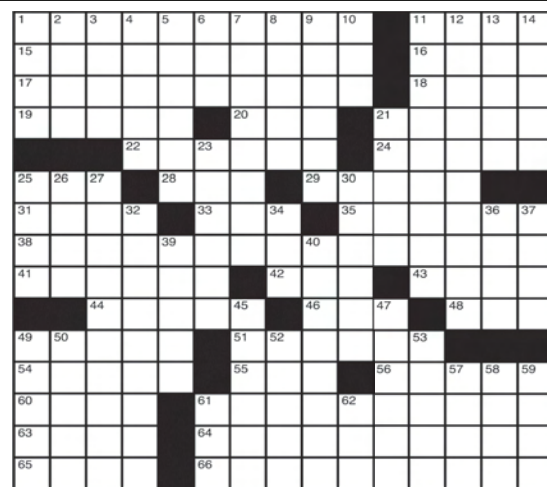
Quick Crossword

Across

- 1 Not fresh anymore
- 11 Sixth Greek letter
- 15 To a ridiculous extent
- 16 Decamp, e.g.
- 17 Emmy nominee who plays Van on "Atlanta"
- 18 Give a "G," say
- 19 "When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie" emotion
- 20 Apple co-founder's nickname
- 21 Olympic city whose opening ceremony included a "Swan Lake" performance
- 22 Heaven-sent
- 24 Sometimes controversial message
- 25 "The Alienist" network
- 28 Small container
- 29 Pickle serving
- 31 "Where ___ you?"
- 33 loss
- 35 Sappho's island
- 38 One concerned with appearances
- 41 Organic food label term
- 42 Hoover, for one
- 43 Stage accusation
- 44 Trickster
- 46 Pro
- 48 Hyperbolic wait time
- 49 Tyrrhenian Sea resort
- 51 Responds to, as intelligence
- 54 Agrarian
- 55 Masked drama
- 56 Macedonia
- 60 Polish, in a way
- 61 June 11 Hawaiian honoree
- 63 Rugby team
- 64 Adichie novel that won the 2013 National Book Critics Circle Award
- 65 Ring sites
- 66 Most-visited British art museum

Down

- 1 Disputed Mideast strip
- 2 Cheese named for a Netherlands town
- 3 Former Starbucks tea
- 4 Classic Ford
- 5 "They DO look alike"
- 6 Pencil, barely
- 7 Caught up with, size-wise
- 8 Ancient theater
- 9 Skating jumps
- 10 Boundary at the 38th parallel, for short
- 11 Garbage disposal goal
- 12 Compound
- 13 Charitable gift
- 14 Took the loss
- 21 Big name in romance fiction
- 23 Nickelodeon parent
- 25 Matching
- 26 Captain or a fish
- 27 It's celebrated with a blue-, pink- and white-striped flag
- 30 Feathers
- 32 Containers for some fragile goods
- 34 "Yes?"
- 36 Cognizant of
- 37 Floor
- 39 Inbox pileup
- 40 Did nothing
- 45 Site of a historic 1914 water-way opening
- 47 Country with a 26-year Grace period?
- 49 Pinnacle



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AB, Buccaneers reach 1-year deal

By JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Antonio Brown and Tom Brady are together again. The free agent receiver and the Buccaneers agreed to a one-year contract, ESPN reported Friday night. The details still need to be worked out, and Brown will have to pass the NFL’s coronavirus protocols, but he can debut with the Brady-led team as early as Week 9, a Sunday night game against the Saints on Nov. 8. Brown’s eight-game suspension this season for multiple violations of the league’s personal conduct policy will be up after Week 8.

Brady and Brown were teammates for one game in New England last season, against the Dolphins, in which the receiver caught four passes for 56 yards and a touchdown. The six-time Super Bowl champion Brady pushed to bring Brown to Tampa Bay, according to ESPN.

Brown joining the Buccaneers was shot down back in March by head coach Bruce Arians. At the time, Arians said the controversial Brown signing with the team was “not gonna happen” because “it’s not a fit here,” even with Brady coming in. That sentiment appears to have changed with the Buccaneers (4-2) lead-

ing the NFC South and having eyes on a Super Bowl run.

Brown will join an offense that already has receivers Chris Godwin and Mike Evans, as well as tight end Rob Gronkowski.

Tampa Bay was not the only team trying to court Brown. The Seahawks were also reportedly in the mix. Brown worked out with Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson this summer. The early MVP candidate has gotten to know the former Steeler and Raider well and believes he deserves a second chance.

“I think Antonio definitely has taken those steps [in the right direction], and like I said, nobody’s perfect,” Wilson told reporters Thursday. “From the conversations I’ve had with him, he’s really been remorseful, and he’s been humbled along the way. Like I said, I pray that he can continue to grow, just like anybody.”

Brown forced his way into a trade from the Raiders to the Patriots last season and was eventually cut after one game by New England as more criminal allegations arose. The NFL is still looking into allegations against Brown of sexual assault, on three separate occasions, made by his former trainer in a civil suit.

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Gregorius doesn’t expect Yankees reunion in 2021

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Didi Gregorius does not expect to see himself back in pinstripes. The former Yankee, a free agent after spending one season in Philadelphia, doesn’t think it will happen.

“I don’t think they’d want me back in New York, to be honest, right now,” Gregorius said on WEAN.

A certain segment of Yankees fans would disagree with the 30-year-old.

Gleyber Torres battled injuries and some defensive issues in his first season at shortstop, but Gregorius believes his former teammate is still the guy for the Yankees at the position.

“I think Gleyber is the future,” he said. “It was just one year, and my understanding was he was hurt. I think everything will be fine with Gleyber.”

Gregorius signed a one-year, \$14 million deal with the Phillies and batted .284 with 10 homers, 40 RBIs and a .827 OPS. Torres had a down year offensively, hitting .243 with three homers, 16 RBIs and a

.724 OPS in 42 games. He also committed nine errors in the field.

“We’re gonna evaluate all circumstances that best fit us,” general manager Brian Cashman said after the Yankees were eliminated by the Rays in the ALDS. “He’s currently our shortstop. We think he’s capable of better defense.”

The Post reported that the Angels have interest in Gregorius this offseason. Gregorius said, however, that he would like to return to the Phillies, but is uncertain if that will happen.

“At the end of the day, it’s up to them, what they want to do,” he said. “I really enjoyed playing with the guys over there. I had a really great time.”

Marlins add ex-Yanks coaches

The list of former Yankees personnel brought to the Marlins by Derek Jeter and Gary Denbo increased with the recent hirings of Tommy Phelps and Phil Plantier, who would have been the pitching coach and hitting coach, respectively, at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre this season.

— George A. King III

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	12	2	5	41	30	17
Philadelphia	11	3	5	38	34	17
Columbus	10	4	4	34	30	15
Orlando City	8	2	8	32	30	18
New England	7	5	8	29	22	19
NYCFC	8	8	3	27	24	19
Red Bulls	7	8	4	25	22	23
Nashville SC	6	6	7	25	19	18
Montreal	7	10	2	23	29	36
Chicago	5	8	5	20	24	28
Atlanta	5	10	4	19	18	22
Inter Miami CF	5	11	3	18	19	29
Cincinnati	4	11	4	16	11	30
D.C. United	3	10	6	15	17	33

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle FC	9	4	5	32	36	18
Portland	9	5	5	32	39	31
Sporting K.C.	9	6	3	30	31	25
Los Angeles FC	7	7	4	25	40	34
Minn. United	6	5	6	24	28	23
FC Dallas	6	5	6	24	22	20
San Jose	6	7	6	24	28	43
Vancouver	7	12	0	21	22	40
Real Salt Lake	5	7	6	21	24	29
Houston	4	7	8	20	27	32
Colorado	5	4	4	19	25	20
LA Galaxy	5	9	3	18	22	34

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Friday

Nashville 1, New England 1

Saturday

Red Bulls at Chicago, 7:30pm

Montreal at NYCFC, 7:30pm

Orlando City at Miami, 3:30pm

D.C. United at Atlanta, 4pm

Minnesota at Cincinnati, 7:30pm

Toronto FC at Philadelphia, 7:30pm

Columbus at Houston, 8pm

Colorado at Sporting K.C., 8:30pm

FC Dallas at Salt Lake, 9:30pm

San Jose at Vancouver, 10pm

Sunday

LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 3:30pm

Tuesday

Nashville at Montreal, 7pm

Seattle FC at Vancouver, 10pm

Wednesday

New England at Red Bulls, 7pm

NYCFC at Toronto FC, 7:30pm

Sporting K.C. at Cincinnati, 7:30pm

Atlanta at Orlando City, 7:30pm

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30pm

Columbus at D.C. United, 8pm

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LA Galaxy at Portland, 10pm

Houston at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm

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Leeds United 3, Aston Villa 0

German Bundesliga

VfB Stuttgart 1, FC Cologne 1

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Nottingham Forest 1, Derby County 1

Friday’s Crossword Answers

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Golf

PGA Tour- ZOZO Championship
At Sherwood Country Club; Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Purse: \$8 million; Yardage: 7,027; Par: 72
Second Round

Justin Thomas	65-65	130	-14
Dylan Frittelli.....	66-65	131	-13
Lanto Griffin	66-65	131	-13
Patrick Cantlay	67-65	132	-12
Scottie Scheffler	67-65	132	-12
Abraham Ancer	67-66	133	-11
Harris English.....	66-67	133	-11
Bubba Watson.....	70-63	133	-11
Tyrrell Hatton.....	65-68	133	-11
Patrick Reed	70-63	133	-11
Tony Finau	69-64	133	-11
Kevin Kisner	66-67	133	-11
Richy Werenski	72-61	133	-11
Ryan Palmer	69-65	134	-10
Matthew Fitzpatrick.....	69-65	134	-10
Satoshi Kodaira	68-66	134	-10
Webb Simpson	69-65	134	-10
Brian Harman.....	66-68	134	-10
Jason Kokrak.....	69-65	134	-10
Sebastian Munoz.....	64-70	134	-10
Justin Rose	67-67	134	-10
Kevin Na	70-65	135	-9
Viktor Hovland	71-64	135	-9
Jim Herman	70-65	135	-9
Jon Rahm	68-67	135	-9
Alex Noren	67-68	135	-9
Collin Morikawa.....	71-65	136	-8
Sungjae Im	68-68	136	-8
Cameron Smith.....	67-69	136	-8
Joaquin Niemann	70-66	136	-8
Tyler Duncan	68-68	136	-8
Corey Connors	69-67	136	-8
Jordan Spieth	70-66	136	-8
Andrew Landry	69-67	136	-8
Mark Hubbard	67-70	137	-7
Talor Gooch	74-63	137	-7
Carlos Ortiz	72-65	137	-7
Takumi Kanaya.....	70-67	137	-7
Daniel Berger	69-68	137	-7
Rikuya Hoshino.....	68-70	138	-6
Cameron Champ	70-68	138	-6
Nick Taylor	70-68	138	-6
Tommy Fleetwood.....	70-68	138	-6
Joel Dahmen	68-70	138	-6
Brendon Todd	69-69	138	-6
Rickie Fowler	71-67	138	-6
Matthew Wolff	69-69	138	-6
Jazz Janewattananond....	73-66	139	-5
Jason Day	68-71	139	-5
Mackenzie Hughes	67-72	139	-5
Matt Kuchar	70-69	139	-5
Shugo Imahira.....	75-64	139	-5
Billy Horschel.....	72-67	139	-5
Ryo Ishikawa.....	73-66	139	-5
Harry Higgs	73-66	139	-5
Brad Kennedy	72-67	139	-5
Russell Henley	68-72	140	-4
Rory McIlroy	73-67	140	-4
Gunn Charoenkul	73-67	140	-4
Paul Casey	69-71	140	-4
Tom Hoge	71-70	141	-3
Shaun Norris	68-73	141	-3
Kevin Streelman	74-67	141	-3
Hideki Matsuyama	70-71	141	-3
Xander Schauffele.....	69-72	141	-3
Byeong Hun An	74-68	142	-2
Adam Hadwin.....	75-67	142	-2
Chan Kim	69-73	142	-2
Tiger Woods	76-66	142	-2
Brendan Steele	72-70	142	-2
Marc Leishman	71-73	144	E
Phil Mickelson	72-74	146	+2
Mikumu Horikawa.....	74-74	148	+4
Danny Lee.....	72-76	148	+4
Michael Thompson	76-73	149	+5
Adam Long	77-72	149	+5
Naoki Sekito	71-80	151	+7

LPGA Tour- Drive on Championship
Reynolds Lake Oconee
At Great Waters Course; Greensboro, Ga.; Purse: \$1.3 million; Yardage: 6,664; Par: 72
Second Round

Ally McDonald	66-68	134	-10
Bianca Pagdanganan	68-67	135	-9
Danielle Kang	65-70	135	-9
Ariya Jutanugarn	67-69	136	-8
Katherine Kirk	72-65	137	-7
Mel Reid.....	69-68	137	-7
Pernilla Lindberg	68-69	137	-7

European Tour- Italian Open
At The Chervo Golf Club; Brescia, Italy; Purse: \$7 million; Yardage: 7,434; Par: 72
First Round

Laurie Canter, England ...	60-68	128	-16
Ross McGowan, England ..	66-64	130	-14
Dean Burmester, S. Africa	64-68	132	-12
Joachim B. Hansen, Denmark	64-69	133	-11
Adrian Otaegui, Spain			

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Belmont

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day

Myhartblongstodady (4th)
Lock Record: 10 for 21 (48%)
Meet Record: 49/205 \$292.10

1 1 1/16 miles(T); \$70,000; mdn; 2YO

Empire Showcase Day at Belmont. Eight NYB stakes on the 11 race card including the Empire Classic. **VODKA LEMONADE** Twirling Candy 2YO debuts for Maker in the opener. Irad rides for Repole. **COTTON** moved dirt to turf and closed for 3rd. Sprint to route for Casse. **RUSE** debuted 5th of 12 at 51-1. Better 2nd time around with Johnny V up. **ARROWHEART** showed 3rd both grass starts. And Rosario rides 1st time starter **SWASHBUCKLE** for Clement.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Arrowheart, 119	B Hernandez	3-3-4	Kimmel	8-1
2	Be Yourself, 119	J Martinez	8-x-x	Terranova II	20-1
3	Bohemian Ruby, 119	M Franco	8-3-x	Tagg	12-1
4	Vodka Lemonade, 119	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Maker	5-1
5	Devious Mo, 119	J Lezcano	4-4-x	B Brown	10-1
6	Mammonick, 119	H Harkie	4-x-x	Lugovich	15-1
7	Magic Grits, 112	L Cardenas	x-x-x	Morrison	20-1
8	He's a Lucky Devil, 119	E Cancel	x-x-x	Thomas	10-1
9	Humpday, 119	L Saez	x-x-x	Handal	10-1
10	Swashbuckle, 119	J Rosario	x-x-x	Clement	4-1
11	Ruse, 119	J Velazquez	5-x-x	Hills	12-1
12	Cotton, 119	D Davis	3-2-2	Casse	7-2
13	Iwo Jima, 119	J Castellano	6-x-x	Motion	6-1
14	Dustgetsinyoureyes, 119	J Alvarado	x-x-x	Englehart	12-1
15	Noble Journey, 119	J Castellano	4-x-x	Sweezey	20-1
16	Re Created, 119	Rider TBA	7-x-x	Schosberg	8-1

2 1 mile; \$150,000; Maid Of The Mist; 2YO(f)

Two-year-old fillies in the 1st stake of the day. **FROST ME** smashed her debut under a hand ride going 1 1/16 miles in the slop. **PARTY AT PAGES** Only 2-time winner after taking the Lady Finger at the Lakes. Gets Saez back but has never raced this far. **CARAS DREAMER** is 0 for 5 but 2nd to a much the best Frost Me. Exotics value. Franco replaces Davis. Stays on **CHASING CARA** who he guided to a 3rd place finish in the Joe Gimma. Ran evenly at 7/8 and may get the mile. **MASHNEE GIRL** Turf to dirt for Hennig. Broke maiden 2 back on dirt.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Cara's Dreamer, 118	M Franco	2-5-3	Friedman	10-1
2	Infringement, 120	J Lezcano	5-3-1	Hennig	6-1
3	Party At Page's, 122	L Saez	1-1-2	Englehart	9-5
4	Chasing Cara, 118	D Davis	3-2-4	Friedman	5-1
5	Frost Me, 120	J Ortiz	1-x-x	Kimmel	5-2
6	Laobanonaprayner, 118	K Carmouche	2-3-x	Velazquez	10-1
7	Mashnee Girl, 120	J Velazquez	4-1-6	Hennig	6-1

3 1 mile; \$150,000; Sleepy Hollow; 2YO

The boys take their turn in the Sleepy Hollow for two-year-olds. **EAGLE ORB** ran home a disappointing 5th as fave behind **HOLD THE SALSA** in the Bongard. Eagle Orb was 2nd, about 4 lengths better than Hold the Salsa in the Funny Cide 2 back. Rudy puts Franco on Eagle Orb; blinkers on. "Salsa" is 2 for 2 at Belmont. **BREADMAN** delivered, winning at 1st asking this distance, but on grass. **BROOKLYN STRONG** ws 3rd in the Bongard. Contender.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Let's Workout, 120	B Hernandez	6-1-x	Rodriguez	20-1
2	Hold the Salsa, 122	J Alvarado	1-5-9	Lugovich	5-2
3	Masked Marauder, 118	I Ortiz, Jr	2-3-x	Atras	4-1
4	Breadman, 120	J Velazquez	1-x-x	Terranova II	3-1
5	Boss Bear, 118	K Carmouche	5-8-6	Maker	12-1
6	Brooklyn Strong, 120	J Ortiz	3-1-x	Velazquez	7-2
7	Eagle Orb, 120	M Franco	5-2-1	Rodriguez	4-1

4 1 1/16 miles(T); \$150,000; Ticonderoga; 3up(f)

A look back at the Yaddo as we look into the Ticonderoga. **MYHARTBLONGSTODADY** won it wire to wire, her 3rd straight victory, all at this distance. **WAR CANOE** was 4th, **WEGETSDAMUNNYS** 2nd. War Canoe was a neck short in a stake 2 back, about 2 lengths better than Wegetsdmunys and ran 3rd in last years Ticonderoga. **SHORT POUR** moves to a stake off an optionals win here at distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	War Canoe(L), 121	I Ortiz, Jr	4-2-3	C Brown	2-1
2	Short Pour(L), 121	J Rosario	1-5-8	Hennig	10-1
3	Wegetsdamunnys(L), 121	J Alvarado	2-3-7	Clement	5-2
4	Myhartblongstodady(L), 125	J Lezcano	1-1-1	Abreu	7-5
5	Pecatonica(L), 121	J Castellano	4-2-3	Bush	20-1
6	Niko's Dream(L), 121	D Davis	5-2-5	Tagg	8-1

5 7 fur(T); \$70,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

BIG TIME LADY makes turf debut for Rudy. Placed 2nd racing 7/8 upstate on dirt under Irad. **NO PAYNE** (Handal/Davis), **HOME FOR CHRISTMAS** (Clement/Rosario) and **PRETTY CLEVER** (Casse/Alvarado)

make career debuts.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2	Big Time Lady, 119	I Ortiz, Jr	5-2-5	Rodriguez	5-1
3	Sassy Melissa, 119	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Donk	10-1
4	Quashana, 112	L Cardenas	x-x-x	Ribaudo	20-1
5	Pretty Clever, 119	J Alvarado	x-x-x	Casse	8-1
6	B C Belle, 119	J Lezcano	4-6-x	Serpe	10-1
7	Byhubbyshellomoney, 119	J Castellano	3-x-x	Cox	6-1
8	Caumsett, 119	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Sciacca	12-1
9	Constitutionalrage, 119	E Cancel	7-x-x	Tagg	15-1
1	a-No Payne, 119	D Davis	x-x-x	Handal	8-1
10	U Should B Dancing, 119	M Franco	4-6-4	P Kelly	10-1
11	Home for Christmas, 119	J Rosario	x-x-x	Clement	4-1
12	A Life That's Good, 119	L Saez	x-x-x	Englehart	10-1
13	Athena Dancer, 119	K Carmouche	x-x-x	Potts	12-1
14	Love's Misery, 119	M Franco	6-x-x	Cannizzo	10-1
15	Rosey's Peach, 119	Rider TBA	8-3-4	Schettino	7-2
1A	a-Chilly Choos, 119	K Carmouche	4-x-x	Sciacca	8-1

6 1 1/16 miles; \$175,000; Empire Distaff; 3up(f)

Gutsy performance by **RATAJKOWSKI** winning the Empire Distaff here last year by a game head. Ready to defend title after winning the Critical Eye here in June. Lost at the Spa but 4 for 5 at Belmont. **LUCKY MOVE** exits a vanilla 4th in a stake at Monmouth. Won a 100k at Delaware this distance in June. Irad a good sign. **MAKINGCENTS** (stake) and **SINGULAR SENSATION** (allowance) load off front running wins at Saratoga. Making Cents has won 3 of last 4. **MRS ORB** ran a close 2nd behind top pick in the Critical Eye, then beat her upstate. Consider.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Forever Changed(L), 117	M Franco	6-3-5	Baker	15-1
2	Ratajkowski(L), 123	J Ortiz	5-1-4	Motion	2-1
3	Makingcents(L), 118	L Saez	1-3-1	Englehart	6-1
4	Singular Sensation(L), 116	J Lezcano	1-2-2	Hennig	8-1
5	Critical Value(L), 117	J Alvarado	3-6-1	Englehart	7-2
6	Lucky Move(L), 120	I Ortiz, Jr	4-9-6	Guerrero	3-1
7	Mrs. Orb(L), 121	D Davis	2-2-6	Miceli	5-1

7 6 1/2 fur; \$125,000; Hudson; 3up

Fight from **T LOVES A FIGHT** but he's 0 for 7 on the year. Board hitter last 3 including a pair of stakes. Took 3rd prize in last years Hudson. **MY BOY TATE** won handily at Parx. Photo finishes with top pick, making the board, previous pair. Franco rides for Nevin. **FOOLISH GHOST** tries a stake after back-to-back W's. Won both leading at every call. Best value. **ARTHURS HOPE** enters off a 100k win at Charles Town. **CAPTAIN BOMBASTIC** is 3 for 3 at Belmont.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Tribecca(L), 120	K Carmouche	2-5-1	Englehart	8-1
2	Captain Bombastic(L), 119	L Saez	6-1-4	Englehart	6-1
3	Arthur's Hope(L), 121	J Ortiz	3-1-6	Salazar	4-1
4	Dugout, 118	I Ortiz, Jr	1-2-7	Rivelli	10-1
5	Foolish Ghost(L), 117	D Davis	1-1-5	Handal	12-1
6	Big Engine(L), 120	J Lezcano	1-6-1	Rice	5-1
7	My Boy Tate(L), 122	M Franco	1-2-3	Nevin	3-1
8	T Loves a Fight(L), 118	J Alvarado	3-3-2	Noda	4-1
9	Morning Breez, 117	J Velazquez	2-6-3	R Klesaris	20-1

8 1 1/16 miles(T); \$150,000; Mohawk; 3up

Forced to check in the early going, **SOMELIKEITHOTBROWN** still managed to place 2nd in a grade 2 at Pimlico. Won a grade 2 this distance at the Springs. The 1 to beat in the Mohawk. **THERAPIST** is 0 for 6 at distance after finishing 3rd in the West Point. Won a shorter 80k here in June. **CROSS BORDER** Trained by Maker who saddles top pick. About a 1/2 dozen back of grade 1 winner Channel Maker, twice. 2 for 3 at this shorter distance, including the Lubash in July under J Ortiz. **RINALDI** and **DOT MATRIX** ran 1-2, a bit better than Therapist in the West Point.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Yankee Division(L), 123	I Ortiz, Jr	1-4-8	Rodriguez	2-1
2	Opt(L), 121	E Cancel	3-4-3	Ribaudo	20-1
3	Dot Matrix(L), 126	J Lezcano	2-6-8	Cox	9-2
4	Sanctuary City(L), 118	K Carmouche	3-2-1	Ferraro	50-1
5	Therapist(L), 123	I Ortiz, Jr	3-2-1	Clement	6-1
6	Rinaldi(L), 126	L Saez	1-1-2	Bond	3-1
7	Somelikeithotbrown(L), 126	J Castellano	2-9-1	Maker	9-5
8	Cross Border(L), 126	J Ortiz	6-2-1	Maker	5-2

9 6 1/2 fur; \$125,000; Iroquois; 3up(f)

Fresh after a 5 month breather, **NEWLY MINTED** won the Union Ave. upstate. Took a stallion stake by 7+ in her only start at this distance. Again

in the Iroquois. **FAIR REGIS** always shows up but is 1 for 9 at this distance. In the money all 5 starts this year tackling optional claimers. Clear 2nd in last years Iroquois. **ESPRESSO SHOT** Turf to dirt for Abreu. Ran home 4th in a pair of stakes at the Big A earlier in year, both at a mile. No history at distance. Johnny V replaces Franco. Moves to **OFFICER HUTCHY** for Atras. Won a NYB 100k this distance at 'toga. Chance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Newly Minted(L), 126	J Lezcano	1-2-2	Rice	5-2
2	Officer Hutchy(L), 124	M Franco	1-1-7	Atras	6-1
3	Fair Regis(L), 120	I Ortiz, Jr	3-2-2	Atras	9-2
4	Espresso Shot(L), 120	J Velazquez	7-2-4	Abreu	15-1
5	Prairie Fire(L), 122	E Cancel	2-1-6	Rice	8-1
6	Collegeville Girl(L), 122	J Rosario	3-4-1	Vega	15-1
7	Spin a Yarn, 122	K Carmouche	1-2-1	Prognro	8-1
8	Bertranda(L), 120	J Ortiz	4-9-1	Noda	10-1
9	Timely Tradition(L), 122	D Davis	1-4-1	Handal	5-1
10	My Roxy Girl(L), 120	L Saez	2-3-6	Baker	15-1

10 1 1/8 miles; \$175,000; Empire Classic; 3up

The speedy **SEA FOAM** rejoins the stakes trail after posting back-to-back wins, latest at distance. Will have to hold off, among others, **FUNNY GUY** who was 2 1/2 lengths short twice winning in graded company. Won previous pair and the Albany, at distance last year. Johnny V replaces Rosario; stays on Sea Foam. **MR BUFF** Overmatched in the Suburban, than Whitney. Winner 6 of previous 9 including the '19 Empire Classic. **CHESTERTOWN** won a 9 panel stake upstate. **EVALUATOR** crushed optional claimers by 13 lengths, same distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Our Last Buck(L), 116	M Franco	1-2-2	Nevin	15-1
2	Mr. Buff(L), 126	J Alvarado	5-5-2	Kimmel	5-2
3	Funny Guy(L), 124	J Velazquez	2-4-1	Terranova II	2-1
4	Chestertown(L), 116	J Ortiz	1-6-2	Asmussen	10-1
5	Bankit(L), 121	I Ortiz, Jr	7-4-4	Asmussen	6-1
6	Winston's Chance(L), 118	K Carmouche	3-4-2	Donk	10-1
7	Sea Foam(L), 120	J Rosario	1-1-4	Clement	4-1
8	Evaluator(L), 117	L Saez	1-3-3	Bond	12-1

11 7 fur(T); \$72,000; alw; 3up

UNCLE GEORGE Midpack racing 7/8 here in July after a tough beginning. **ADVANCED STRATEGY** up to break maiden running a route. Well spotted but may have issues moving 7/8. **BAD GUY** is 2 for 40 but was a close 2nd this distance here in June.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2	False Alarm(L), 118	B Hernandez	1-5-2	Chichakly	30-1
3	Smite(L), 118	L Saez	1-3-4	Englehart	10-1
4	Steelersfanforlife(L), 121	J Alvarado	3-5-4	Gyarmati	15-1
1	a-Bad Guy(L), 123	J Ortiz	6-2-3	Rodriguez	8-1
5	Three Outlaws(L), 121	M Franco	4-7-5	Atras	8-1
6	Generalonamission(L), 118	M Luzzi	1-6-x	Matties	30-1
7	Advanced Strategy(L), 120	I Ortiz, Jr	1-3-3	J Jenkins	5-2
8	Uncle George(L), 120	J Rosario	5-5-7	Clement	4-1
9	Big Wonder(L), 121	D Davis	7-6-1	Chatterpaul	8-1
10	Jo's Bold Cat(L), 123	K Carmouche	2-4-10	Rubley	10-1
11	On the Couch(L), 118	J Velazquez	1-9-x	Duarte	12-1
12	Impazible Odds(L), 114	L Cardenas	3-7-2	Morley	12-1
13	Starry Messenger(L), 121	B Hernandez	4-5-7	Smith	30-1
14	Unrelenting Force(L), 118	M Franco	2-4-1	Handal	2-1
1A	a-Big Thicket(L), 123	Rider TBA	6-7-3	Rodriguez	8-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

Millefeuille (\$5.90) sat off the pace then powered late to break her maiden. Lokoya Road ran third, Sidd Finch a non-threatening fifth. Profit on the day: \$48.50.

Race 1: No better way to start Empire Showcase Day then with a Vodka Lemonade. Makes career debut for Michael Maker. Irad Ortiz rides for owner Mike Repole. \$4 win and place.

Race 4: Myhartblongstodady has won three straight, all at the Ticonderoga distance. One more. \$30 to win.
— Vic Cangialosi

Belmont Results

FIRST-1 mile; \$80,000; mdn; 2YO(f)
1 Millefeuille (Rosro) 5.90 3.10 2.10
2 Wedding Band (Lezcano) 7.60 4.20
5 Plum Awesome (Saez) 2.50

● \$1 Exacta (1-2) \$21.60 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (1-2-5-4) \$7.70 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (1-2-5) \$15.00

Winner picked by Vic C (Lock)

SECOND-1 1/16miles(T); \$65,000; cl(\$50,0); 3Y
6 Flshing Rd (Cstlln) 31.40 12.60 7.10
7 Lady Fatima (Davis) 9.80 4.90

1 Mirabell Mei (Velazquez) 3.80

● \$1 Daily Double (1-6) \$40.00 ● \$1 Exacta (6-7) \$99.50 ● \$1 Quinella (6-7) \$38.00 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (6-7-1-4) \$513.10 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (6-7-1) \$203.25

THIRD-7 fur(T); \$70,000; mdn; 3up(f)
7 Kpt Wtng (OrtzJr.) 4.10 2.90 2.30
5 Lucky Latkes (Rosario) 5.50 3.60
6 Dancing Kiki (Davis) 2.90

Scr: Beautiful Karen, Bella Domenica.
● \$1 Pick 3 (1-6-7) 3 Correct \$96.75 ● \$1 Daily Double (6-7) \$59.25 ● \$1 Exacta (7-5) \$9.50 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (7-5-6-4) \$10.97 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (7-5-6) \$14.50

FOURTH-6 1/2 fur; \$35,000; clm(\$20,0); 3up
4 Stem Engne (Ortz) 6.20 2.70 2.50
7 Twelfth Labour (Lezcano) 2.90 2.30
9 Cause of Action (Davis) 3.70

Scr: Indigo Yankee.
● \$1 Pick 3 (6-7-4) 3 Correct \$107.75 ● \$1 Daily Double (7-4) \$7.10 ● \$1 Exacta (4-7) \$6.50 ● \$1 Quinella (4-7) \$3.50 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (4-7-9-1) \$7.95 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (4-7-9) \$16.12

FIFTH-1 1/16m(T); \$43,000; mdn cl(\$40,0); 3up
6 Til Then (Cstellno) 6.80 5.20 4.30
8 Pool Shark (Saez) 10.40 7.00
4 Lokoya Road (Ortiz,Jr.) 3.90

Scr: My First Grammy.
● \$0.5 Pick 5 (1-6-3/7/8-4-6/11) 5 Correct \$439.75 ● \$0.5 Pick 4 (6-3/7/8-4-6/11) 4 Correct \$160.50 ● \$1 Pick 3 (7-4-6) 3 Correct \$28.75 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (6-8-4) \$140.00 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (6-8-4-2) \$108.25 ● \$1 Daily Double (4-6) \$19.80 ● \$1 Exacta (6-8) \$48.25

SIXTH-1 mile(T); \$55,000; alw; 3up
7 Ally Op Jhny (Dvs) 20.40 8.50 4.40
6 Our Country (Crmouche) 6.20 3.50
5 Chocolate Bar (Ortiz) 2.40

Scr: Striking Success, Unrelenting Force.

● \$1 Pick 3 (4-6-7) 3 Correct \$139.25 ● \$1 Daily Double (6-7) \$52.00 ● \$1 Exacta (7-6) \$50.75 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (7-6-5-4) \$66.00 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (7-6-5) \$70.87

SEVENTH-7 fur; \$74,000; alw; 3up
1 Fort Wrth (OrtzJr.) 4.60 3.00 2.50
2 Celtic Chaos (Saez) 6.40 3.60
4 Charlie McCoy (Lezcano) 2.90

Scr: Bourbon Bay, Bears Mafia.
● \$1 Pick 3 (6-7-1) 3 Correct \$103.00 ● \$1 Daily Double (7-1) \$31.00 ● \$1 Exacta (1-2) \$14.70 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (1-2-4-6) \$26.55 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (1-2-4) \$29.87

Winner picked by Vic C

IT'S ONE thing to come up with contingency plans for a banged up fantasy stud who might not play, or one whose viability relies on a key offensive lineman being available. It is a different thing altogether to try to navigate around an entire game that might or might not get played.

Yep, just another one of the glorious gifts the hellscapes that is 2020 has delivered. If real-world problems weren't enough, we have fantasy problems too boot.

Raiders offensive lineman Trent Brown tested positive for COVID-19. Contract tracing resulted in the entire first-team offensive line being ordered to stay away and later also being added to the COVID list. The test came Monday, so there is a possibility they all could clear the five-day window and be allowed to play. But ...

The Raiders' game against the Buccaneers originally was slated for Sunday night. To protect that time slot in case the game has to be postponed, the league moved that game to Sunday afternoon and flexed Cardinals-Seahawks into the Sunday night slot.

So yeah, I think it is safe the say this game is not on firm ground. There is a possibility, if more tests come back positive, the game could be pushed

WITHOUT DELAY

Have backup plan ready for your Vegas, Tampa studs



to Monday or Tuesday. But that is only of minimal relief for fantasy owners, because more

bad news between now and any new rescheduled date could cause a further postponement that pushes the game out of this week's fantasy window.

This is causing agita for fantasy owners who have Josh Jacobs, Chris Godwin, Mike Evans, Tom Brady, etc., on their rosters. What do you do? Do you gamble the game will be played? Or do you commit to replace any stud from this game with someone who might play Sunday afternoon?

In the case of Jacobs, the answer is simple: Find a sub. Even if the game is played, he could be without one or more of his offensive linemen. COVID rules stipulate teams must have at least eight active O-linemen on the 53-man roster. If none of the current COVID-list lineman is cleared by Sunday, the Raiders would have

just five — thus, no game.

In the case of others, particularly on the Bucs' side, set your lineup normally as of now, but have a pivot plan to swap out those players if the game is postponed. If the game is moved to Tuesday, the safe move is to bypass those players this week. If you wait, and the game is pushed beyond this week, you get a donut from those who are in your lineup.

We already know the NFL's confidence is shaky, because they moved the game out of the marquee time slot. We can guess the first step would be to delay to Monday or Tuesday. But it could move again after that. You don't want these guys in your lineup and find out after all your potential subs are locked that you have no one to plug into those spots.

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Josh Jacobs

Use byes to your benefit

STAYING ahead of your competition is paramount to your fantasy football success. Between the rash of injuries and all the latest COVID-19 updates, we spend so much time reacting to the latest news that few people are looking beyond this week's matchups. You need to be smarter than that, and the best way to do it is to settle on this week's lineup and make roster moves before players lock at the start of Sunday's games.

By **HOWARD BENDER**
FANTASY ALARM



With bye weeks in full swing, many fantasy owners are dropping players who are off this week in an effort to potentially fill in gaps on their rosters. Some are dealing with a rash of injuries, but more often than not, they are hoarding players to cater to their indecision.

How many times have you seen someone ask a fantasy analyst a question on social media and wonder why they would even roster some of these players? Well, while they're fumbling through choices between Dontrelle Inman versus the Cowboys or Andy Isabella against the Seahawks, you can settle on your starting lineup now and scour the waiver wire for drops that shouldn't have been made.

It takes some gumption to make hard and fast decisions, but rather than keep that third tight end or sixth wide receiver, why not grab J.K. Dobbins off the waiver wire? Though he's not playing this week, Mark Ingram is expected to miss multiple weeks, which puts Dobbins, a highly-coveted prospect on draft day, in line for more work. If he finds success with increased usage, the competition to acquire him will be immense. Make the move now and you're ahead of the game.

The Colts have a favorable matchup against the Lions in Week 8, and fantasy owners everywhere are dropping their defense and receivers like Zach Pascal, both productive assets prior to their bye. And though we don't know how productive Tua Tagovailoa will be, Preston Williams is available and likely to remain a strong target.

The formula is simple: Settle on your Week 7 lineup. Then scour the waiver wire. Grab your Week 8 assets now and dominate.

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BIG WEEKS

Teddy Bridgewater QB, Panthers at Saints (FanDuel \$6,800/DraftKings \$5,800)

The Saints are the third-worst at defending opposing fantasy QBs. They have allowed at least 20 fantasy points to every QB they've faced and given up multiple passing TDs in every game — including at least three in their past four.

Gio Bernard RB, Bengals vs. Browns (FD \$6,100/DK \$4,900)

A foot injury will sideline Joe Mixon this week, giving Bernard the lead role in the ground game. This is a matchup that could feature plenty of offense.

Tre'Quan Smith WR, Saints vs. Panthers (FD \$5,300/DK \$4,000)

Michael Thomas (hamstring) has been ruled out, Emmanuel Sanders is on the COVID list after a positive test and will not play. Smith should get targets out of sheer necessity. But likely will fade in DFS because of expected high usage.

Andy Isabella WR, Cardinals vs. Seahawks (FD \$4,800/DK \$3,900)

Not necessarily for seasonal play unless desperate, but not a bad DFS flyer in tournaments. The Seahawks pass defense has been a sieve.

SMALL WEAKS

Drew Brees QB, Saints, vs. Panthers (FD \$7,700/DK \$6,100)

Carolina has yielded more than one TD pass in just one game this season. If you're still starting Brees, you're doing so based on name recognition, not his No. 22 fantasy QB ranking.

Ryan Tannehill QB, Titans, vs. Steelers (FD \$7,300/DK \$6,200)

Small sample size acknowledged, it could pay to know: Tannehill is coming off his fourth career four-TD game. In the first game following each of the previous three, he had one TD total. Oh, and the Steelers haven't allowed a 20-point fantasy game to any QBs this season.

Robert Woods WR, Rams, vs. Bears (FD \$6,900/DK \$6,100)

The Bears are one of the three-toughest defenses vs. fantasy WRs. Woods is likely to draw the most coverage among Rams WRs from top Bears CB Kyle Fuller.

Cole Beasley WR, Bills, at Jets (FD \$5,100/DK \$4,900)

The underrated Bills slot man has scored in double-digits five straight weeks. The last time he didn't? Week 1 vs. the Jets.

Insanity's Daily Duel

Drew Loftis and Jarad Wilk submit dueling rosters into a DFS contest:

Site: DraftKings	Slate: Sun. main (12 games)
Type: \$9 tourney	Top Prize: \$5K Pot: \$50K
Drew's Crew	Wilk's Warriors
Kyler Murray	Justin Herbert
Ari (vs. Sea) \$7,100	LAC (vs. Jac) \$6,400
D'Andre Swift	Chris Carson
Det (at Atl) \$5,400	Sea (at Ari) \$6,400
Alvin Kamara	David Johnson
NO (vs. Car) \$7,900	Hou (vs GB) \$5,300
DeAndre Hopkins	Kenny Golladay
Ari (vs. Sea) \$8,200	Det (at Atl) \$6,700
Andy Isabella	Keenan Allen
Ari (vs. Sea) \$3,900	LAC (vs. Jac) \$6,200
DK Metcalf	Terry McLaurin
Sea (at Ari) \$7,200	Was (vs. Dal) \$5,800
Jared Cook	Dalton Schultz
NO (vs. Car) \$4,300	Dal (at Was) \$3,900
Kendrick Bourne	Tim Patrick
SF (at NE) \$3,400	Den (vs. KC) \$4,600
Washington	Bills
Was (vs. Dal) \$2,500	Buf (at NYJ) \$4,700

For late roster changes, follow @NYPPost_Loftis and @NYPPost_Roto on Twitter

Season risked: \$61
Season winnings: Drew \$100, Jarad \$25

Follow the Madman on Twitter: @NYPPost_Loftis

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	2	0	.666	156	168
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160	113
New England	2	3	0	.400	109	110
Jets	0	6	0	.000	75	185
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	0	0	1.000	164	126
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.666	157	115
Houston	1	5	0	.166	146	182
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.166	125	181
North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	1.000	156	94
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179	104
Cleveland	4	2	0	.666	163	187
Cincinnati	1	4	1	.250	129	157
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	175	127
Las Vegas	3	2	0	.600	151	152
Denver	2	3	0	.400	100	110
L.A. Chargers	1	4	0	.200	110	125

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	4	1	.357	163	196
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	173	218
Washington	1	5	0	.166	108	162
Giants	1	6	0	.142	122	174
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.666	177	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	153	150
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	138	141
Atlanta	1	5	0	.166	162	184
North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	5	1	0	.833	128	116
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	162	139
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	133	143
Minnesota	1	5	0	.166	155	192
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Seattle	5	0	0	1.000	169	135
Arizona	4	2	0	.666	166	112
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.666	152	114
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	148	130

Thursday- Week 7						
Philadelphia 22, Giants 21						
Sunday						
Buffalo at Jets , 1pm						
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1pm						
Green Bay at Houston, 1pm						
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1pm						
Carolina at New Orleans, 1pm						
Detroit at Atlanta, 1pm						
Dallas at Washington, 1pm						
Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 4:05pm						
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25pm						
San Francisco at New England, 4:25pm						
Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 4:25pm						
Seattle at Arizona, 8:20pm						

Bye: Baltimore, Indianapolis, Miami, Minnesota						
Monday						
Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:15pm						
Thursday- Week 8						
Atlanta at Carolina, 8:20pm						
Sunday, Nov. 1						
Jets at Kansas City, 1pm						
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1pm						
L.A. Rams at Miami, 1pm						
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1pm						
New England at Buffalo, 1pm						
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1pm						
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1pm						
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1pm						
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05pm						
New Orleans at Chicago, 4:25pm						
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25pm						
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20pm						
Bye: Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington						

Monday, Nov. 2						
Tampa Bay at Giants , 8:15pm						

College Football

South
Jacksonville St. 19, FIU 10
Tulsa 42, South Florida 13
Louisiana- Lafayette 24, UAB 20
Midwest
Wisconsin 45, Illinois 7

NFL Injury Report

SUNDAY

Bills at Jets

Bills: Out: WR John Brown (knee), LB Tyrel Dodson (hamstring), T Cody Ford (knee), TE Dawson Knox (calf), CB Josh Norman (hamstring). **Questionable:** CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (pectoral), CB Tre'Davious White (back). **Limited:** QB Jake Fromm (not injury related), CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (pectoral). **Full:** QB Josh Allen (left shoulder), S Jaquan Johnson (back). **Jets:** **Doubtful:** K Sam Ficken (right groin), G Alex Lewis (shoulder). **Questionable:** T Mekhi Becton (shoulder), WR Jamison Crowder (groin), QB Sam Darnold (right shoulder), T Chuma Edoga (calf), T George Fant (knee). **Full:** LB Tarell Basham (illness), WR Braxton Berrios (quadricep), RB Frank Gore (not injury related), LB Jordan Jenkins (shoulder), WR Breshad Perriman (ankle, knee).

Panthers at Saints

Panthers: Questionable: CB Eli Apple (hamstring), CB Donte Jackson (toe), G John Miller (ankle), WR Curtis Samuel (knee). **Full:** CB Eli Apple (hamstring), RB Trenton Cannon (neck), RB Mike Davis (ankle), DT Zach Kerr (toe), T Trenton Scott (not injury related), K Joey Slye (not injury related). **Saints: Out:** G Nick Easton (concussion), WR Michael Thomas (ankle, hamstring). **Questionable:** S J.T. Gray (hamstring). **Limited:** T Terron Armstead (hand), S J.T. Gray (hamstring), CB Justin Hardee (hamstring). **Full:** WR Deonte Harris (hamstring), CB Janoris Jenkins (shoulder).

Browns at Bengals

Browns: Out: TE Austin Hooper (illness), LB Jacob Phillips (knee), G Wyatt Teller (calf). **Questionable:** S Karl Joseph (hamstring), DT Sheldon Richardson (achilles). **Limited:** P Jamie Gillan (left groin), WR Jarvis Landry (hip, ribs), S Andrew Sendejo (shin), C J.C. Tretter (knee). **Full:** LB Tae Davis (elbow), S Ronnie Harrison (concussion), RB Kareem Hunt (ribs), S Karl Joseph (hamstring), QB Baker Mayfield (chest), TE David Njoku (shoulder), DT Sheldon Richardson (achilles), LB Sione Takitaki (hand). **Bengals: Out:** CB William Jackson (concussion), RB Joe Mixon (foot). **Questionable:** WR John Ross (illness), S Shawn Williams (hamstring). **Full:** DT Geno Atkins (not injury related), LB Markus Bailey (neck), DE Khalid Kareem (shoulder), CB Darius Phillips (illness), WR Auden Tate (shoulder).

Cowboys at Washington

Cowboys: Out: T Brandon Knight (knee), G Zack Martin (concussion). **Limited:** DE Aldon Smith (neck). WASHINGTON: **Out:** T Saahdiq Charles (knee), WR Antonio Gandy-Golden (hamstring), DE James Smith-Williams (concussion), WR Isaiah Wright (shoulder). **Questionable:** T Geron Christian (knee). **Full:** CB Ronald Darby (illness), LB Kevin Pierre-Louis (shoulder), TE Logan Thomas (neck), DE Chase Young (groin).

Lions at Falcons

Lions: Out: CB Desmond Trufant (hamstring). **Full:** WR Danny Amendola (foot), G Joe Dahl (groin), DE Trey Flowers (wrist), WR Marvin Jones (knee), C Frank Ragnow (groin). **Falcons: Questionable:** DE Takkarist McKinley (groin). **DNP:** G James Carpenter (not injury related), RB Todd Gurley (not injury related), DT Deadrin Senat (not injury related). **Limited:** DE Dante Fowler (ankle), WR Julio Jones (hamstring), WR Calvin Ridley (elbow). **Full:** WR Russell Gage (shoulder), S Jaylinn Hawkins (concussion), WR Brandon Powell (elbow), CB Kendall Sheffield (foot).

Packers at Texans

Packers: Out: RB Tyler Ervin (wrist), DT Tyler Lancaster (shoulder). **Doubtful:** T David Bakhtiari (chest), CB Kevin King (quadricep), S Darnell Savage (quadricep). **Questionable:** DE Montravius Adams (foot), RB Aaron Jones (calf), C Corey Linsley (back), LB Preston Smith (shoulder), TE Robert Tonyan (ankle). **Limited:** LB Krys Barnes (shoulder, calf), LB Rashan Gary (ankle), TE Marcedes Lewis (knee), LB Preston Smith (shoulder), LB Za'Darius Smith (ankle), WR Equanimeous St. Brown

(knee), TE Robert Tonyan (ankle). **Full:** CB Jaire Alexander (hand, knee), C Corey Linsley (back). **Texans: Questionable:** TE Jordan Akins (ankle, concussion), LB Peter Kalambayi (hamstring). **Full:** LB Dylan Cole (knee), CB Keion Crossen (foot), RB Buddy Howell (hamstring), G Senio Kelemete (knee), S Justin Reid (shoulder), T Laremy Tunsil (shoulder).

Jaguars at Chargers

Jaguars: Out: TE Tyler Eifert (neck), LB Myles Jack (ankle), S Jarrod Wilson (hamstring). **Questionable:** G A.J. Cann (shoulder). **Limited:** WR D.J. Chark (ankle), DT Abry Jones (ankle), WR Laviska Shenault (hamstring). **Full:** LB Dakota Allen (foot), DE Josh Allen (knee), T Ben Bartch (foot, knee), DE Adam Gotsis (not injury related), K Josh Lambo (left hip), G Brandon Linder (not injury related), G Andrew Norwell (ankle), TE James O'Shaughnessy (not injury related). **Chargers: Out:** G Trai Turner (groin). **Doubtful:** T Storm Norton (knee). **Questionable:** T Bryan Bulaga (back), WR K.J. Hill (hip), RB Justin Jackson (knee), QB Tyrod Taylor (ribs). **Limited:** T Sam Tevi (thumb, ankle). **Full:** WR Keenan Allen (back), RB Justin Jackson (knee), DT Linval Joseph (elbow), QB Tyrod Taylor (ribs).

Chiefs at Broncos

Chiefs: Out: DE Taco Charlton (knee), DE Alex Okafor (hamstring), T Mitchell Schwartz (back), WR Sammy Watkins (hamstring). **Full:** T Eric Fisher (shoulder), DT Chris Jones (groin), TE Nick Keizer (shoulder), DT Derrick Nnadi (ankle), C Austin Reiter (knee), CB Charvarius Ward (hand), RB Darrel Williams (shoulder). **Broncos: Out:** LB Jeremiah Attaochu (quadricep), WR Diontae Spencer (shoulder). **Questionable:** TE Andrew Beck (hamstring), TE Jake Butt (hamstring), G Dalton Risner (shoulder). **Full:** DE Bradley Chubb (ankle), T Demar Dotson (not injury related), TE Noah Fant (ankle), WR K.J. Hamler (hamstring), DT Mike Purcell (knee).

Steelers at Titans

Steelers: Out: CB Mike Hilton (shoulder), FB Derek Watt (hamstring). **Full:** G David DeCastro (abdomen), WR Dontae Johnson (back), C Maurkice Pouncey (foot), QB Ben Roethlisberger (not injury related), WR JuJu Smith-Schuster (knee), DE Stephon Tuitt (not injury related). **Titans: Full:** WR A.J. Brown (knee), LB Jadeveon Clowney (knee), DT DaQuan Jones (foot), T Dennis Kelly (knee), TE MyCole Pruitt (illness), TE Jonnu Smith (ankle), T Isaiah Wilson (illness).

49ers at Patriots

49ers: Out: LB Kwon Alexander (ankle), RB Raheem Mostert (ankle), S Jaquiski Tartt (groin), S Jimmie Ward (quadricep). **Questionable:** T Trent Williams (ankle), RB Jeffery Wilson (calf). **Full:** CB Dontae Johnson (groin). **Patriots: Out:** DT Carl Davis (concussion). **Questionable:** DT Adam Butler (elbow), S Kyle Dugger (ankle), WR Julian Edelman (knee), G Shaquille Mason (calf), DE Derek Rivers (back).

Seahawks at Cardinals

Seahawks: Out: S Jamal Adams (groin). **Questionable:** G Mike Iupati (back). **Cardinals: Questionable:** T Kelvin Beachum (ankle), LB Kylie Fitts (hamstring), LB Dennis Gardeck (foot), WR DeAndre Hopkins (ankle), CB Dre Kirkpatrick (foot), DT Jordan Phillips (foot). **Full:** S Budda Baker (thumb), LB Jordan Hicks (wrist).

Buccaneers at Raiders

Buccaneers: Questionable: S Andrew Adams (hamstring). **DNP:** DE Jason Pierre-Paul (knee). **Limited:** S Andrew Adams (hamstring), CB Carlton Davis (knee), WR Chris Godwin (hamstring), WR Scott Miller (hip, groin), S Antoine Winfield (shoulder, groin). **Full:** QB Tom Brady (not injury related), LB Lavonte David (knee), WR Mike Evans (ankle), RB Leonard Fournette (ankle), DE William Gholston (biceps), TE Rob Gronkowski (shoulder). **Raiders: Out:** WR Bryan Edwards (foot, ankle), CB Keisean Nixon (groin). **Questionable:** DT Maliek Collins (shoulder), DE Carl Nassib (toe). **Limited:** CB Lamarcus Joyner (hamstring). **Full:** LB Rico Gafford (hamstring), LB Nick Kwiatkoski (pectoral), T Sam Young (knee).

MONDAY

Bears at Rams

Bears: DNP: DT Akiem Hicks (illness), S Sherrick McManis (hamstring), CB Buster Skrine (ankle), OLB Khalil Mack

(back). **Limited:** S Deon Bush (hamstring), T Rashaad Coward (finger), NT Bilal Nichols (knee). **Full:** G Alex Bars (shoulder), OL Rashaad Coward (finger), WR Ted Ginn (not injury related), TE Jimmy Graham (not injury related), LB Danny Trevathan (not injury related), S Eddie Jackson (shoulder), DT Brent Urban (knee), LT Jason Spriggs (thumb), WR Javon Wims (ankle). **Rams: DNP:** TE Tyler Higbee (hand), RB Darrell Henderson Jr. (thigh), WR Robert Woods (groin). **Full:** OL Andrew Whitworth (not injury related), DL Aaron Donald (not injury related)

World Series

(Best-of-7) x- if necessary;
At Arlington, Texas; All Games on FOX and ESPN Radio (98.7 FM)
Tampa Bay Rays vs. LA Dodgers
Dodgers lead series, 2-1.
Game 1: Dodgers 8, Rays 3
Game 2: Rays 6, Dodgers 4
Game 3: Dodgers 6, Rays 2
Sat.: Dodgers vs. Rays, 8:08pm
Sun.: Dodgers vs. Rays, 8:08pm
x-Tue.: Rays vs. Dodgers, 8:08pm
x-Wed.: Oct. 28 Rays vs. Dodgers 8:09pm

World Series- Game 3
Dodgers 6, Rays 2

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Betts rf	5	0	2	1	0	1	.333
Seager ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	.333
Turner 3b	5	2	2	1	0	1	.308
Muncy 1b	4	0	2	2	1	1	.364
Smith dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	.154
Bellinger cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.182
Taylor 2b-If	4	0	0	0	0	3	.273
Pederson lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.167
Hernandez ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Barnes c	3	1	2	0	0	1	.125
Totals	36	6	10	6	3	10	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Meadows dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.222
Lowe 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.154
Arozarena lf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.200
Choi 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.143
Margot rf	3	1	1	0	0	2	.400
Wendle 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.200
Adames ss	3	0	1	1	0	0	.222
Kiermaier cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.222
Zunino c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Tsutsugo ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Perez c	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Totals	30	2	4	2	1	13	

Los Angeles	102	201	000	—	6	10	0
Tampa Bay	000	010	001	—	2	4	0
LOB: Los Angeles 8, Tampa Bay 2. 2B: Turner (3), Margot (1), Adames (2). HR: Turner (1), off Morton; Barnes (1), off Curtiss; Arozarena (1), off Jansen. RBIs: Turner (1), Muncy 2 (4), Barnes 2 (2), Betts (2), Adames (1), Arozarena (1). SB: Betts 2 (4). S: Barnes. Runners left in scoring position: Los Angeles 2 (Seager, Turner); Tampa Bay 1 (Kiermaier). RISP: Los Angeles 2 for 4; Tampa Bay 1 for 3.							

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Buehler, W, 1-0	6.0	3	1	1	1	10	93	1.50
Treinen	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	0.00
Graterol	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.00
Jansen	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	15	9.00

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Morton, L, 0-1	4.1	7	5	5	1	6	91	10.38
Curtiss	1.2	2	1	1	1	2	30	4.50
Sherriff	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	17	0.00
Thompson	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0.00
McClanahan	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	26	0.00

T: 3:14. **A:** 11,447 (40,300).

Tennis

ATP World Tour European Open

At Lotto Arena; Antwerp, Belgium;

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NFL Week 7

Sunday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Bills	11 (45.5)	JETS
Browns	3 (50.5)	BENGALS
WASHINGTON	1 (45.5)	Cowboys
FALCONS	2.5 (56)	Lions
SAINTS	7.5 (51.5)	Panthers
Packers	3.5 (56.5)	TEXANS
TITANS	1.5 (50.5)	Steelers
PATRIOTS	2 (44)	49ers
Chiefs	8 (45.5)	BRONCOS
CHARGERS	7.5 (49.5)	Jaguars
Buccaneers	3.5 (53.5)	RAIDERS
Seahawks	3.5 (55.5)	CARDINALS
Monday		
RAMS	6 (45)	Bears

World Series Saturday- Game 4

Favorite	Moneyline	Underdog
Dodgers	\$150-160	RAYS
Designated home team in MLB in CAPS		

College Football

Saturday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
NORTH CAROLINA	15.5 (60.5)	N.c. St.
COASTAL CAROLINA	5 (50.5)	Georgia Southern
MICHIGAN STATE	11 (44.5)	Rutgers
OHIO STATE	26.5 (66.5)	Nebraska
Oklahoma	6.5 (59.5)	TCU
Auburn	3.5 (71.5)	OLE MISS
MEMPHIS	13.5 (69.5)	Temple
KANSAS STATE	20.5 (47.5)	Kansas
CHARLOTTE	16 (49.5)	Utep
ARMY	30.5 (49.5)	Mercer
LOUISVILLE	4 (60.5)	Florida State
CLEMSON	46.5 (61.5)	Syracuse
LIBERTY	13 (60.5)	Southern Mississippi
CENTRAL FLORIDA	21 (70.5)	Tulane
W. KY	14 (OFF)	Chattan.
MARSHALL	16.5 (51.5)	Florida Atlantic
Notre Dame	9.5 (42.5)	PITT.
Virginia Tech	10.5 (68.5)	WAKE FOREST
Houston	14.5 (55.5)	NAVY
Penn State	6 (61.5)	INDIANA

Iowa	3.5 (51.5)	PURDUE
TEXAS	9.5 (60.5)	Baylor
OKLAHOMA STATE	2.5 (51.5)	Iowa State
RICE	4 (49.5)	Mid. Tenn. State
Alabama	21.5 (65.5)	TENN.
BOSTON COLLEGE	3.5 (54.5)	Georgia Tech
TROY	2.5 (68.5)	Georgia State
Kentucky	3.5 (47.5)	MISSOURI
West Virginia	2.5 (54.5)	TEXAS TECH
LSU	6 (54.5)	South Carolina
SOUTH ALABAMA	15.5 (56.5)	UI Monroe
BOISE STATE	17 (52.5)	Utah State
Wyoming	3 (50.5)	NEVADA
N'WESTERN	11 (53.5)	Maryland
FRESNO STATE	3 (65.5)	Hawaii
Michigan	3 (54.5)	MINN.
MIAMI (FLA.)	13.5 (55.5)	Virginia
Louisana Tech	2.5 (53.5)	UTSA
SMU	2.5 (55.5)	Cincinnati
BYU	28.5 (60.5)	Texas St.
SAN DIEGO STATE	14 (50)	Unlv
Air Force	7 (62.5)	SAN JOSE STATE

ODDS & ENDS

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE Manchester City at West Ham (Sat.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Manchester City	-250
Draw	+400
West Ham United	+625

Crystal Palace at Fulham (Sat.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Crystal Palace	+180
Draw	+210
Fulham	+170

Chelsea at Manchester United (Sat.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Chelsea	+190
Draw	+260
Manchester United	+135

Sheffield United at Liverpool (Sat.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Sheffield United	+1050
Draw	+525
Liverpool	-400

Everton at Southampton (Sun.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Everton	+145
Draw	+50
Southampton	+180

Newcastle at Wolverhampton (Sun.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Newcastle United	+425
Draw	+250
Wolverhampton	-134

Leicester City at Arsenal (Sun.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Leicester City	+280
Draw	+280
Arsenal	-110

West Brom at Brighton (Mon.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
West Bromwich	+350
Draw	+290
Brighton	-134

Tottenham at Burnley (Mon.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Tottenham	-162
Draw	+300
Burnley	+450

MLS Red Bulls at Chicago Fire (Sat.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Red Bulls	+200
Draw	+250
Chicago Fire	+130

Montreal Impact at NYCFC (Sat.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Montreal Impact	+600
Draw	+375
NYCFC	-228

VSIN TOP PLAY

Run line is right way to play LA in Game 4

By GREG PETERSON

Julio Urias gave the Dodgers three strong innings to close out Game 7 of the National League Championship Series against the Braves, and he will go from closing to starting on Saturday against the Rays in Game 4 of the World Series.

In 11 starts and four long-relief appearances in the regular season and playoffs, Urias is 7-0 (with four of those wins coming in the postseason) and has given up two runs or fewer in 13 of those outings. In the postseason, he has been at his best, allowing two runs (only one earned) across 16 innings with only one home run surrendered.

The swings and misses also have increased for Urias, who is averaging 9.0 strikeouts per nine innings in the playoffs after registering 7.4 per nine innings in the regular season. This is big because the Rays lead MLB in strikeout rate at nearly 10 per game between the

regular season and postseason.

The Rays will pitch Ryan Yarbrough in Game 4, either as the starter or following a one- or two-inning opener. Yarbrough has made one start and two relief appearances totaling 10 ²/₃ innings in October and has given up four runs (with three home runs) in limited work. He also has just six strikeouts this postseason, is striking out 6.8 batters per nine innings for all of 2020, and will be facing a Dodgers lineup that struck out at the fourth-lowest percentage in MLB during the regular season and led MLB in both runs and home runs.

The Dodgers are 9-6 when Urias pitches with eight of those wins by two or more runs.

Entering Friday, 44 of their 53 wins have come by multiple runs, Los Angeles should take it to the Rays and get a convincing Game 4 victory.

THE PLAY: Dodgers, -1.5 runs on run line, in Game 4. Greg Peterson writes for VSin.com, The Sports Betting Network. Track real-time line movements at VSin.com/odds.



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Pitching Form

World Series Game 4		Game time	2020			'20 vs OPP			CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP		W-L	IP	ERA
Dodgers	Urias (L)		3-0	3.27	5-5	—	—	0-0		0-0	16.0	3.94
Rays	Yarbrough (L)	8:08pm	1-4	3.56	4-5	0-0	0.00	0-0		1-2	14.2	5.07

* REC: Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

See Me and Julio Win at the ballyard

NFL insiders agree that the 2020 Jets may be the worst team ever constructed. New Yorkers know better. Try the team of Mayor de Blasio, Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza, Police Commissioner Dermot Shea and former Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot?

It took Rays manager Kevin Cash until after Game 3 to name Ryan Yarbrough his Game 4 starter, but the Dodgers knew they wanted to start Julio Urias much sooner than that. With superstars Clayton Kershaw and Walker Buehler, acers 1 and 1A, garnering most of the media's attention, Urias has been unhittable. The 24-year-old native of Mexico has built a wall of confidence this

postseason by going 4-0, with an ERA 0.56. He didn't get the start in Games 2 or 3 because manager Dave Roberts called on him to close out the Bravos in the NLCS. Urias rewarded Roberts' confidence with a three-inning save. We will take the Dodgers in Game 4 for 40 units.

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Buehler ... Buehler ... Buehler. Walker allowed one run over six innings as the Dodgers ripped the Rays, 6-2. Tampa Bay's Charlie Morton picked a bad night to have his worst outing of the postseason. Our perfect World Series has reduced our debt to -468 brodericks.

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Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY							
	TODAY Oct. 24	SUN Oct. 25	MON Oct. 26	TUE Oct. 27	WED Oct. 28	THU Oct. 29	FRI Oct. 30
	Chicago 7:30 MSG	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	N.E. 7:00 MSG	NO GAME	NO GAME
	Montreal 7:30 YES	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Tor. 7:30 YES	NO GAME	NO GAME

Monday, Nov. 2				Sunday			
	Tampa Bay 8:15 TV - ESPN Radio- WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM			Buffalo 1:00 TV - CBS Radio- ESPN 98.7 FM			

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Odds to win Big Ten conference championship		Odds to win Pac-12 conference championship	
TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS
Ohio State	-250	Oregon	+190
Michigan	11/2	USC	+210
Penn State	9/1	Washington	9/2
Wisconsin	9/1	Utah	7/1
Nebraska	20/1	Arizona State	11/1
Iowa	25/1	Washington St.	20/1
Minnesota	25/1	California	20/1
Michigan State	40/1	Stanford	20/1
Indiana	50/1	UCLA	25/1
Northwestern	50/1	Arizona	35/1
Purdue	50/1	Oregon State	80/1
Illinois	80/1	Colorado	100/1
Maryland	80/1		

*New Jersey sportsbooks do not offer action on Rutgers games or futures. Rutgers is 1,000/1 to win the Big Ten at Westgate SuperBook in Las Vegas.

SPORTS SHORTS

NBA: NBA trying for holiday return

The NBA is looking at beginning the 2020-21 season a few days before Christmas, according to multiple reports.

The campaign likely would be a shortened one — reportedly 72 games — and the NBA is also looking at other proposed changes including a play-in tournament and no All-Star Weekend. The changes are subject to negotiation with the National Basketball Players Association.

— Michael Blinn

NFL: Saints' Sanders, Thomas out

Saints receiver **Emmanuel Sanders** has tested positive for COVID-19 and receiver **Michael Thomas** remained unable to practice on Friday due to a hamstring injury. Neither will play Sunday against Carolina.

● The 49ers will be without starting safeties **Jaquiski Tartt** (groin) and **Jimmie Ward** (quadriceps) for Sunday's game against the Patriots. Running back **Raheem Mostert** and linebacker **Kwon Alexander** also will sit with ankle injuries.

● Washington quarterback **Dwayne Haskins** was fined \$4,833 by the team for breaking COVID-19 protocols, according to published reports.

● Washington coach **Ron Rivera** will have his last treatment for a form of skin cancer on Monday, two months after his diagnosis.

● Packers running back **Aaron Jones** is a game-time decision Sunday against the

Texans after sustaining a calf strain in Thursday's practice.

● The Browns will be without tight end **Austin Hooper** on Sunday against the Bengals after he underwent an appendectomy.

● Former linebacker **Matt Blair**, the second-leading tackler in Vikings history, died Thursday at age 70, the team announced.

NCAA: Badgers win Big Ten opener

Graham Mertz threw five touchdown passes to match the Wisconsin record in a commanding first career start and the No. 14 Badgers beat Illinois, 45-7, in Madison, Wis., to open the pandemic-delayed Big Ten football season.

● Arizona has received a formal notice of allegations from the NCAA stemming from a federal investigation into shady college basketball recruiting practices three years ago. The university acknowledged in a statement Friday it had received the notice.

● Mohegan Sun is completing plans to host St. John's and more than 30 college basketball teams at its 10,000 seat arena for several early season tournaments.

GOLF: Thomas up 1 stroke at Zozo

Justin Thomas posted a 7-under 65 for the second day in a row, taking a one-stroke lead at the PGA's Zozo Championship at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif. **Tiger Woods** followed a first-round 76 with a 66, but still sits 12 strokes back.

UFC

Saturday, Fight Island,
Abu Dhabi, UAE

MAIN EVENT **ODDS**
Khabib Nurmagomedov -358
vs. Justin Gaethje +275

FIGHT FINISH **ODDS**
Round 1 +410
Round 2 +470
Round 3 5/1
Round 4 11/2
Round 5 9/1
Distance +180

FINISH METHOD **ODDS**
KO/TKO/DQ 3/2
Submission +185
Decision +180

FIGHTER **ODDS**
Robert Whittaker Even
vs. Jared Cannonier -121
Alexander Volkov -189
vs. Walt Harris +155
Phil Hawes -250
vs. Jacob Malkoun +200
Magomed Ankalaev -313
vs. Ion Cutelaba +250
Stefan Struve -106
vs. Tai Tuivasa -115
Casey Kenney -182
vs. Nathaniel Wood +150
Alex Oliveira Even
vs. Shavkat Rakhmonov -121
Da Un Jung -358
vs. Sam Alvey +275
Liana Jojua +325
vs. Miranda Maverick -417
Joel Alexander -176
vs. Alexander Yakolev +145



GO TO JARED: Jared Cannonier (left) lands a punch against David Branch during UFC 230 at Madison Square Garden in 2018. VSIN's Lou Finocchiaro predicts Cannonier will get the best of Robert Whittaker in Saturday's UFC 254 co-main event.

By LOU FINOCCHIARO

The main card for UFC 254 from Fight Island in the United Arab Emirates begins at an unusually early 2 p.m. ET Saturday, as the UFC tries to accommodate the fans of Russian lightweight champion Khabib Nurmagomedov. Here are some thoughts on how to bet on two of the high-profile undercard skirmishes.

Jared Cannonier -121 vs. Robert Whittaker +100, middleweight (185 pounds)

Whittaker held the middleweight title until Israel Adesanya finished him in October 2019. Since then, Whittaker beat Darren Till via a five-round decision in a fight in which neither looked impressive.

Whittaker has a vast experience advantage over Cannonier and has fought in many five-round main events, which can only pad his confidence. For this three-round co-main event, I expect both to forget measured tactics and instead go right after each other.

Cannonier started his career fighting heavyweight, then light heavyweight and has now found a home at middleweight, where he has fared quite well. At middleweight, Cannonier's explosion, power and striking are lethal, and he has an underrated ground game. Cannonier has been smacked by much larger men than Whittaker. While Whittaker has a whale of a left hook, it's something Cannonier is preparing for — even though he does not want to taste it much.

For Whittaker, this fight is his career. He likely earns another title chance with a win. But with a setback, he free-falls down the middleweight ranks. Whittaker's previous wars have affected the quickness, snap and fluidity of his

strikes. It happens that those are the exact attributes his opponent totes into the cage Saturday night.

Cannonier's speed, explosive striking, hunger for recognition and ability to weather heavy strikes from men much larger than Whittaker provide an advantage. By Round 2, I expect to see the snap of Whittaker's strikes fading as he begins to slow. At that point, Cannonier will be most dangerous.

The pick: Cannonier, -121.

Alexander Volkov -189 vs. Walt Harris +155, heavyweight (265 pounds)

Harris is a great human who is a tremendous fighter for six minutes or so. At 37, Harris is explosive, has profuse power and is as game as they get.

But Volkov will be the younger man by six years and will hold height and reach advantages besides being the more complete, well-rounded striker. Wrestling has been considered a major weakness for Volkov, but he used it quite well in his last bout against the division's top wrestler, and he might need to employ it against the 6-foot-5, 265-pound Harris, who will be looking to put out his lights.

In my judgment, Harris has a round and a half to catch Volkov or tackle him to the canvas and try to get on top to employ a heavy dose of ground and pound. If he cannot end this early, I look for Volkov to remain at distance and pick Harris apart with his superior striking.

The strategy: Volkov opened -195, but we've seen some Harris money compress this line a bit. I like Volkov at -160 or less, but will use patience to see if his price gets there.

Lou Finocchiaro handicaps UFC for VSIN.com, The Sports Betting Network.

KNIGHT & DAY

By ZACH BRAZILLER

It started with a will-he-or-won't-he saga, a soap opera of a coaching search that culminated with Greg Schiano returning to Rutgers after a lengthy and dramatic back-and-forth entanglement.

Three months later, the novel coronavirus hit. There was no spring football. The Big Ten went to a league-only schedule, then canceled the fall football season, only to reinstate it.

Finally, nearly 11 months after he reintroduced himself as Rutgers' new football coach with a fire-and-brimstone speech, Schiano's team will be on the field. The highly anticipated second go-around is at long last here. The "Chop" is back.

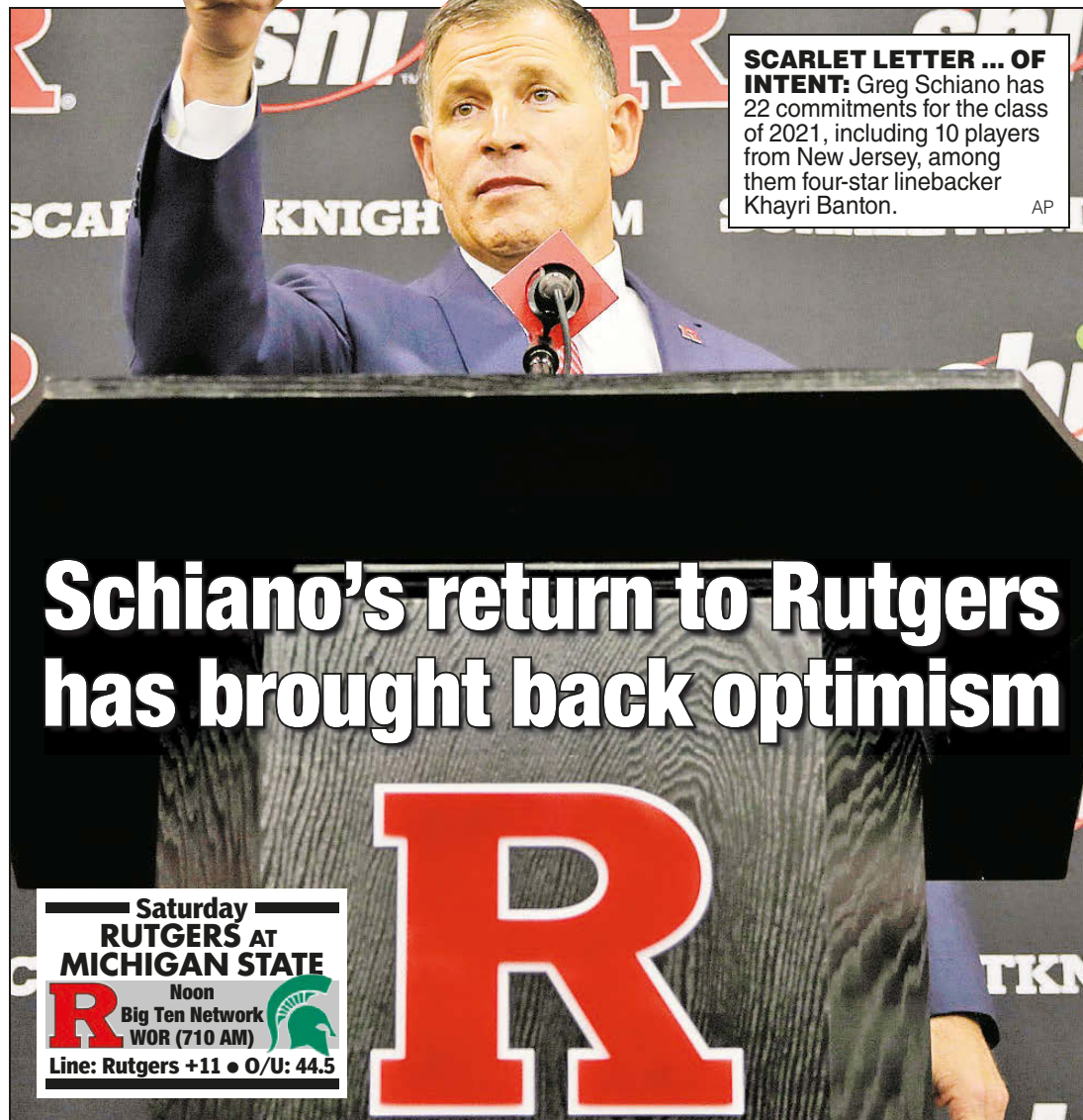
"It has been a roller coaster," Schiano said this week, as Rutgers prepared to visit Michigan State on Saturday (noon, Big Ten Network) to kick off this truncated Big Ten season. "The whole thing's a roller coaster, but that's the world we're in right now.

"One of the things we talked about when this thing really hit was, it's not good enough to survive. We wanted to thrive throughout this. That was a big part of what we talked to our team about, and I believe they have [thrived]. We learned a lot about ourselves."

It's still difficult to know what to expect. Schiano declined to name a starting quarterback, listing Nebraska transfer Noah Vedral and sophomore Artur Sitkowski as possibilities. It was one of five positions with an "or" label on the two-deep depth chart, meaning the starter had yet to be decided. Key players such as top offensive playmaker Raheem Blackshear, starting center Mike Maietti and quality defensive linemen Elorm Lumor and Willington Previlon are gone off a team that went 2-10 a year ago and was outscored 355-51 in nine Big Ten contests, all of them losses.

Much has changed since Schiano last coached Rutgers, nine seasons ago. The Scarlet Knights have been Big Ten punching bags since joining the powerhouse conference in 2014, winning nine games overall the past four years and producing an abysmal all-time record in the conference of 7-45.

It should be noted, however, that Schiano is the one man who has been able to make Rutgers relevant. He led the Scarlet Knights all the way to a No. 7 national ranking in 2006. He guided them to six bowl games in his most-recent seven years in Piscataway and coached 83 players who went on



SCARLET LETTER ... OF INTENT: Greg Schiano has 22 commitments for the class of 2021, including 10 players from New Jersey, among them four-star linebacker Khayri Banton. AP

to sign NFL contracts.

He returns as a more experienced coach, a former NFL head man with the Buccaneers, a defensive coordinator at Ohio State under Urban Meyer. He hired an elite coaching staff, bringing in experienced coaches with strong local ties. He hit the ground running on the recruiting trail, upgrading this roster with transfers such as Vedral, safety Brendon White (Ohio State), defensive lineman Michael Dwumfour (Michigan) and kick returner and receiver Aron Cruickshank (Wisconsin).

"Some folks said you're getting Greg 2.0 because of the NFL experience and the Ohio State experience," athletic director Pat Hobbs said in a phone interview. "I really think it's Greg 4.0. He did a fantastic job at Rutgers the last time, but obviously he was new as a head coach, so there was a learning curve. And there really was no learning curve this time, other

than obviously learning how to manage a program during a pandemic.

"When you look at how quickly he put together a phenomenal staff — it was both Jersey-focused and nationally focused — and you look at the results already in recruiting, and the decisions on the part of some young folks to transfer to Rutgers because they had confidence in Greg and confidence in his staff, I don't know how you rate it other than an A-plus."

Schiano, a Wyckoff, N.J., native, has declined to set specific expectations. His players have offered similar answers. This season is all about creating a foundation for the downtrodden program, and there is far more enthusiasm with Schiano in the fold.

The coaching staff has done well in recruiting — the 2021 class has 22 commitments, including 10 from New Jersey, led by four star outside linebacker Khayri Banton

— and players believe they are part of something significant. They raved about the attitude they saw in workouts, even when it was uncertain if there would be a season. "Guys are 'chopping' each and every single day," said linebacker Tyshon Fogg, the team's leading tackler a year ago. "Regardless of the circumstances, if we're playing, if we're not playing, whatever we did in the past, guys just came out to work every single day."

It remains to be seen how much a new coaching staff, some new players and a new attitude can change things. It will take time for Schiano to rebuild the program. Saturday will provide just the first look. But the excitement is there. That isn't something anyone could say about Rutgers in recent years.

"It feels like," cornerback Avery Young said, "the atmosphere is building up to what Rutgers has been in the past."

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Jets, Giants will want to keep eye on these players

By GREG JOYCE

With the Jets and Giants continuing to disappoint on Sundays (or Thursday, in this case), paying attention on Saturdays will continue to provide hope for the future. While both teams are involved in the chase to the No. 1 pick, there are plenty of other intriguing prospects to keep an eye on, with the Jets and Giants both needing to inject their rosters with talent at multiple positions.

Welcoming the Big Ten to the college football season, here's a look at three games of interest on Saturday and the top draft-eligible players featured in them:

No. 18 Michigan at No. 21 Minnesota, 7:30 p.m., ABC

This Saturday-night showdown packs a strong punch for prospects that could be of use to either Big Blue or Gang Green. Michigan has a pair of pass rushers in Kwity Paye (6-foot-4, 272 pounds) and Aidan Hutchinson (6-6, 269) who have good size and can get after opposing quarterbacks — combining for 10 sacks and 22.5 tackles for loss last season. The Wolverines also have offensive tackle Jalen Mayfield and linebacker Cameron McGrone as returning starters to watch.

Minnesota, meanwhile, has one of the top wide receiver prospects in the country with Rashod Bateman.

No. 19 Virginia Tech at Wake Forest, 3:30 p.m., YES/ESPN3

There can never be enough pass rushers. Wake Forest has one of the more dangerous ones in the country in Carlos "Boogie" Basham Jr., a 6-5, 285-pound edge who already has four sacks in four games after piling up 11 sacks and 18 TFLs last year.

Virginia Tech's top NFL draft prospect, cornerback Caleb Farley, opted out but the Hokies still have some offensive weapons that could turn into mid-to-late-round picks in running back Khalil Herbert and tight end James Mitchell.

South Carolina at LSU, 7 p.m., ESPN

Here's a spicy one-on-one matchup to watch between two highly regarded prospects: LSU wide receiver Terrace Marshall Jr. versus South Carolina cornerback Jaycee Horn. Marshall has seven touchdowns through three games while Horn — the son of former Saints WR Joe Horn — had two interceptions last week against Auburn.

Bonus: Syracuse at No. 1 Clemson, Noon, ACC Network

Obligatory Trevor Lawrence game, even if he only plays the first half again.

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LAS VEGAS — It has the sound of a broken record at this point, but this is being called a make-or-break year for Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh. In his first five years in Ann Arbor, Harbaugh has made habits of talking too big and losing big games.

Joe Milton might be able to make many of Harbaugh's problems go away. The 6-foot-5, 250-pound junior quarterback is an elite athlete who's capable of making 80-yard throws. He's projected to be a future NFL first-round pick, even drawing comparisons to Chiefs superstar Patrick Mahomes. The Wolverines create no shortage of over-the-top hype.

Big Ten football is finally back, and Michigan is among the conference's mystery teams. The Wolverines lost nine players to the NFL draft — only LSU lost more — and will be breaking in a new quarterback, yet they are road favorites against Minnesota.

Golden Gophers coach P.J. Fleck brings back most of the key parts from an 11-win team. Star wideout Rashod Bateman reconsidered his opt-out decision and will be the top target for quarterback Tanner Morgan, who returns after passing for 30 touchdowns. Minnesota, which scored 31 points or more in 10 of 13 games last season, also boasts one of the Big Ten's most experienced offensive lines.

Go for Gophers

Harbaugh's Wolverines unreliable

Maybe Milton is the real deal, and maybe it means something that the Wolverines have won 16 consecutive times in Minneapolis. Or maybe Minnesota deserves more respect.

It's interesting to note that, since 2006, Michigan is 1-20 straight up on the road versus ranked opponents. Harbaugh is not to blame for all of those failures, but this is the type of game he typically loses, so let's see it before believing the hype.

The pick: Minnesota +3.

MISSISSIPPI (+3.5) over Auburn: The Tigers appear to be in disarray, with quarterback Bo Nix regressing and resembling the Mitch Trubisky of the SEC. In a predictable loss at South Carolina, Nix struggled with his passing accuracy from the pocket and made plays mostly by running. He gets a break by facing a weak defense this week. But it's important to remember how well the Rebels played offensively against Alabama and Kentucky — totaling 90

HAR' TO TRUST HIM: Despite his bluster, Jim Harbaugh's Michigan teams have not performed well on the road against ranked opponents. AP



points against two good defenses — and try to forget Matt Corral's six-interception game last week in a loss to Arkansas. Jump back on the Lane Kiffin train in a bounce-back spot.

NEVADA (+3) over Wyoming: The Mountain West is back in action, and these teams rank right behind Boise State atop the conference. Seventeen starters, led by quarterback

Carson Strong, come back for the Wolf Pack. This looks like a week for live home 'dogs.

LAST WEEK: 2-2. Louisville (W), South Carolina (W), Louisiana Tech (L), Mississippi State (L).

2020 SEASON: 14-6-1.

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Nash adds his old pal Amar'e to Nets' staff

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Amar'e Stoudemire and Steve Nash are back together again. This time, they hope to win it all — only as coaches instead of players.

Stoudemire, the former Knicks forward, has agreed to be part of Nash's coaching staff with the Nets, The Athletic reported.

The 37-year-old enjoyed his best years as a pro playing with Nash in Phoenix. The two could never get over the hump, losing in the Western Conference finals three times in their six seasons together from 2004-05 to 2009-10. Both played two seasons with Nets general manager Sean Marks, a member of the Suns from 2006-08.

Stoudemire, who is expected to focus on player development with the Nets, last played in the NBA in 2015-16 with the Heat before playing professionally overseas.

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What kind of activities can you engage in that make the world a better place? By all means be ambitious on a personal level but also bring other people into what you are doing. What you do for them now the universe will do for you later.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Whatever your dreams and desires happen to be you will find ways to bring them to life before the end of the year. For now, though, you are advised not to expect too much of yourself. This is primarily a time for thinking and planning.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Do something out of the ordinary, something that makes others question if you really are as conservative in your thinking as you like to make out. There is a touch of the maverick about you, and it will be in evidence this weekend.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Think about long-term goals rather than short-term gains. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to your career, where opportunities for advancement will soon be with you. Remember, it's not about ego, it's about being in a position to make a difference.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Partnerships are under excellent stars at the moment, so get together with people you feel comfortable with on a one-to-one level and see what you can conjure up together. When minds think alike great things have been known to happen.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The bigger the challenge the happier you will be this weekend.

You love a chance to prove yourself and, on the work front especially, you will get plenty of opportunities to show the powers that be you are a force to be reckoned with.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

This is potentially one of the best times of the year for you, but it could be even better if you make an effort to reach out to people who can partner you in your creative endeavors. There will be more than enough applause and rewards to go around.

♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You can be very tough-minded at times and anyone who thinks they can get one over on you this weekend will soon learn the error of their ways. Do they really think you are stupid enough to be fooled, and

soft enough not to care?

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You will meet some interesting people over the next 48 hours, the kind of people who can open your eyes to new possibilities. But it's not just the way you look at life that matters - the way you choose to react to events matters many times more.

♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Make sure you get the going rate for any work you do this weekend. Others will quite happily pay you less than you deserve if they think they can get away with it. The first time anyone tries you must roar right in their face, so everyone gets the message.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Something you start over the next few days will become a labor of love for you between now and the end of the year. Make sure it's the kind of project you can feel proud of when you look back at it 10 or 20 years from now.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You may be somewhat cautious in your actions this weekend but that's okay. At this time of year you need to marshal your resources so nothing is wasted, not your time, your energy or your money. Leave trivial things to trivial people.

BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

A friendship that until now has worked on a purely social or professional level could develop into something emotionally stronger over the coming year. It seems you have so much in common on so many levels that you can't help but grow closer romantically.

DISCOUNT:

Led by a fleet of inexpensive relievers such as Nick Anderson, the Rays may inspire cost-cutting teams this offseason to pass on big-money deals for relievers such as Aroldis Chapman (bottom right), set to make \$17.2 million next year.

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PEN'S OUT OF INK

EARLY in this postseason a veteran agent, anticipating that most teams are going to cut payroll this winter, noted that in a year when so much has gone wrong, he was now anticipating what would be the worst outcome for players: the Rays winning the World Series.

This representative speculated that success by the team with the smallest payroll in the playoff field (and 28th out of 30 teams overall) would provide owners who want to cut salaries in normal times — and definitely want to in these revenue-challenged and abnormal COVID-19 times — a symbol of what could be done with less.

No area is more likely to feel the sting than the relief market. That's because in no phase have the Rays spent less to get more in quality and depth. But it's also because the most expensive relievers did not flourish in 2020. And because what already is going to be a free-agent glut of relievers is going to swell in the coming weeks with options not picked up and contracts not tendered.

Let's take these one at a time:

1. The Golden State Warriors championed positionless basketball, and the Rays climbed to an AL title with a relief crew without set roles. Despite just a 60-game season, Tampa Bay tied the MLB record with 12 different pitchers registering a save. A 13th pitcher, Peter Fairbanks, was tied for the Rays' most saves (3) in this postseason.

This postseason, Tampa Bay has used its best reliever, Nick Anderson, in every inning from the third through the ninth, turning him into an old-fashioned fireman who comes in to put out the worst blazes, regardless of inning. So the Rays are demonstrating you don't have to pay one person for saves.

Heck, Tampa Bay is showing you might not have to pay anyone much as long as you can gather a lot of talented, diverse arms to attack a game as a manager sees fit. The Rays do not have a reliever on a multiyear contract. Heck, even if the sea-

Rays' success will cause teams to invest less money in relievers

son had been 162 games, they had just three relievers due to make more than \$1 million. Two of them, Chaz Roe (their most expensive reliever at \$2.1825 million) and Oliver Drake (\$1.025 million), are not on the World Series roster due to injuries.

In fact, the Rays' depth is spectacular. Roe led the 2019 Rays in appearances, and Colin Poche led in strikeouts per nine innings. Neither was on their postseason roster. Of the six Rays relievers who appeared in 50 games last year, only Diego Castillo is on the World Series roster — saves leader Emilio Pagan was traded to San Diego for Manuel Margot.

Seven Tampa Bay relievers (plus starter Yonny Chirinos) were lost to injury or not able to make it fully back due to injury. That includes the expected top three lefties — Poche, Jose Alvarado and Brendan McKay — plus two more southpaws, Jalen Beeks and Cody Reed. Yet, the Rays still have five lefty relievers on the postseason roster. Imagine having 10 lefty relievers you trust in a year.

The Rays' pen still led the majors in Fangraphs Wins Above Replacement. It is a tribute to the organization's devotion to run prevention and its ability to find arms. Perhaps it is not replicable. But I certainly expect a lot of owners to insist their baseball operations departments try to mimic the Rays' low-cost, high-quality pen model.

2. Wade Davis, who at \$17.3 million, is the highest-paid reliever ever on average value, was released on Sept. 21 by the Rockies before the conclusion of his three-year contract (just as Colorado had released Jake McGee and Bryan Shaw, while on their three-year

\$27 million deals, earlier in 2020).

Aroldis Chapman (\$17.2 million annually) allowed the homer that knocked the Yankees from the playoffs for a second straight year. Kenley Jansen (\$16 million) righted himself in the NLCS but only after velocity and effectiveness concerns had Dodgers manager Dave Roberts contemplating removing him from the closer role. Craig Kimbrel (\$14.3 million) was removed as closer by the NL Central champ Cubs. Mark Melancon (\$15.5 million) pitched well for the Braves, but was traded by the Giants midway through his four-year, \$62 million pact.

Those were the five most expensive relief deals in play in 2020. Davis and Melancon will be free agents. But what if, for the other three, their teams were given the choice of amnesty — to get out of the deals without anything in return, but also without having to pay any more of the contracts. The Cubs definitely would do that with Kimbrel (one year left at \$17 million) and I think the Dodgers, with Jansen (one at \$20 million), and the Yankees, with Chapman (two years at \$32 million), would do so as well, feeling the money could be diversified better elsewhere.

Add the Rays' 2020 bullpen production and this dubious use of big closer money, and you wonder what the best of this year's lot, such as Alex Colome, Liam Hendricks and Trevor Rosenthal might be able to procure. And

to note the volatility of relief arms, one team executive mentioned that Hendricks has been designated for assignment four times in his career, as recently as June 2018, while Rosenthal pitched for three organizations in 2019 and was unable to consistently throw strikes.

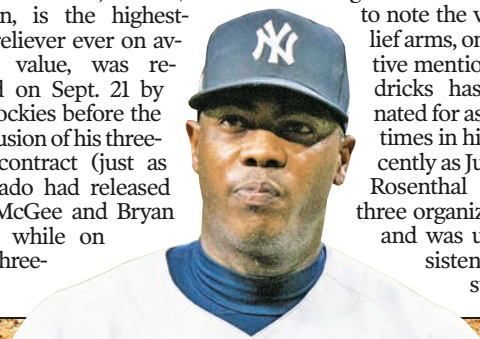
3. Relievers annually make up the largest portion of the free-agent market. It only is expected to grow this year. Will a team such as the Indians, if unable to trade Brad Hand, simply not pick up his \$10 million 2020 option? Either a trade would block a job for some other reliever expecting money or a non-tender of Hand would put him on the market with Colome, Hendricks, Melancon, Ken Giles, Blake Treinen, Brandon Workman, Kirby Yates, etc.

The Yankees have to decide after the World Series' conclusion whether to pick up Zack Britton's \$14 million 2022 option, or else he can opt out of his \$13 million 2021 salary. I expect they will pick it up, but if not, the relief market would get another talented arm. Dellin Betances has to decide whether to pick up a \$6 million player option or take a \$3 million buyout and go into a large free-agent relief class expected to get larger. And here is why:

Many teams are looking to cut payroll and there are only two places to do so to gain real reduction — arbitration and free agency. So there is a near universal sense that there will be more non-tenders than ever as a way to limit arbitration cases. Relievers essentially not named Josh Hader or Edwin Diaz who are looking at arbitration payouts of, say, \$3 million or more, such as the Brewers' Corey Knebel and Angels' Hansel Robles, are strong candidates to be non-tendered. Teams are going to figure that there are similar arms that can be signed for less because, in supply and demand, the supply of relief arms is going to be high.

And the Rays' model for constructing a high-end bullpen is going to embolden organizations that this is an area in which savings can be made without impacting quality.

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Dodgers firing on all cylinders against Tampa Bay, take 2-1 World Series lead

By MIKE PUMA

Fearsome lineup, check. Multiple quality bullpen pieces, check. Stud starting pitcher who is close to untouchable, double check.

The Dodgers have the ingredients usually associated with winning the World Series, and Friday night those elements were on display in a rebound game against these underdog Rays.

Walker Buehler's performance resonated the loudest. The right-hander fired six brilliant innings, allowing one run, in the Dodgers' 6-2 victory in Game 3 at Globe Field in Arlington, Texas.

Justin Turner and Austin Barnes each homered on a night the Dodgers jumped on Charlie Morton early and then eased into the later innings.

The 26-year-old Buehler became the first pitcher in World Series history to strike out at least 10 batters in a start of six innings or fewer. It followed his gem in Game 6 of the NLCS against the Braves in which he fired six shutout innings. Buehler has pitched to a 1.50 ERA with 39 strikeouts over 25 innings in his five starts this postseason.

"At this point I have kind of been through this thing a couple of times and now it's all about winning," Buehler said when asked about his



FLEXING THEIR MUSCLES:

Walker Buehler struck out 10, while his batterymate Austin Barnes (right) added some unexpected offensive firepower Friday.

appreciation level of such a strong outing. "That's all I really care about."

Buehler struck out 10 and walked one, allowing just three hits over his 93 pitches.

"He was unbelievable," the catcher Barnes said. "He made it really easy on me. That might have been the

best I have ever seen his stuff."

The Dodgers grabbed a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series and plan to send left-hander Julio Urias to the mound Saturday against Ryan Yarbrough.

The Rays used Brandon Lowe's two home runs in Game 2 to even the series, but were less successful against Buehler, Blake Treinen, Brusdar Graterol and Kenley Jansen. The Dodgers moved within two victories of their first World Series title since 1988.

Morton had pitched to a 2.84 ERA in his previous 12 postseason appearances, but was jumped almost from the start on this night.

Turner launched a homer against the right-hander in the first inning, and the Dodgers didn't stop until they had scored five runs on seven hits against Morton, who was removed with one out in the fifth.

Barnes' safety squeeze in the fourth extended the Dodgers' lead to 4-0. Cody Bellinger and Joc Pederson each singled in the inning to put runners on the corners before Barnes pushed a bunt to first base that brought in the run. Before the inning concluded the Dodgers scored a fifth run against Morton, on Mookie Betts' RBI single.

Max Muncy's two-run single in the third put the Rays in a 3-0 hole. Mor-

ton had started the inning strongly enough, striking out Barnes and Betts in succession, but plunked Corey Seager before Turner's double put runners on second and third. Muncy followed with a shot to right-center that brought in both runs.

Willy Adames delivered a two-out RBI double in the fifth that gave the Rays their only run against Buehler. Manuel Margot's double earlier in the inning was the Rays' first hit against Buehler. The Dodgers got the run back in their next at-bat, on Barnes' solo homer against John Curtiss.

Randy Arozarena homered against Jansen in the ninth for the game's final run. The blast was Arozarena's eighth this postseason, tying a record shared by Barry Bonds, Carlos Beltran and Nelson Cruz.

Turner's home run was his 11th in the postseason, tying the franchise record established by Duke Snider (who hit all of his in the World Series in 149 fewer plate appearances than Turner).

"It means I've had the opportunity to play on a lot of really good baseball teams who have played deep into October and I've gotten a lot of ABs," Turner said. "[But] it doesn't mean a whole lot until we finish this thing off and win two more games."

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Arozarena's postseason has him in elite company

By MIKE PUMA

SERIES NOTES

Randy Arozarena dominated in the first three rounds of the postseason, and Friday night finally announced his presence in the World Series.

The Rays outfielder homered against Kenley Jansen in the ninth inning of his team's 6-2 loss to the Dodgers in Game 3 of the

World Series in Arlington, Texas for his eighth blast of the postseason, tying a record.

Barry Bonds, Carlos Beltran and Nelson Cruz are the other players with eight homers in a single postseason. Arozarena also collected his 23rd hit of the

postseason to break Derek Jeter's rookie record.

"Still no explanation for it," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "I've heard some of the names that he is tied with or passing, and that's some pretty special territory. You look at a guy like Derek Jeter and his career, then you add the postseason, it's remarkable what he has done."

► The purpose of **Austin Barnes'** addition to the Dodgers' lineup Friday night was his steady game-calling and pitch framing behind the plate.

But Dodgers manager **Dave Roberts** got the bonus package, as Barnes turned into one of the offensive stars of the team's victory over the Rays.

Barnes became the first

player since the Yankees' **Hector Lopez** in 1961 to drive in a run with a sacrifice bunt and homer in the same World Series game.

Barnes' homer came in the sixth inning, a solo blast that extended the Dodgers' lead to 6-1. His safety squeeze occurred two innings earlier, bringing in **Cody Bellinger** from third base.


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Cohen can't allow players like Turner to leave Amazin's

ARLINGTON, Texas — Will the Steve Cohen Mets not let Justin Turner get away like the Wilpon Mets did?

Maybe not. After all, Sandy Alderson, the Mets general manager who non-tendered Turner on Dec. 2, 2013, is coming back to serve as team president.

Yet as Turner helped power the Dodgers to a 6-2 victory over the Rays on Friday night in World Series Game 3, putting L.A.'s finest ballclub ahead by a 2-1 margin, the Fall Classic favorites offered additional bread crumbs for Cohen, the man who once tried to buy them and — assuming the other major-league owners and Bill de Blasio green-light him — instead will attempt to overtake them for National League superiority:

You can't bat 1.000 on player evaluations. But the best teams of this era excel buying low on a guy and seeing him soar, and that is a skill at which the Mets have rarely if ever stood out. More often the soaring occurs from a former Met going elsewhere, like Turner.

A Met from 2010 through 2013, Turner crushed a Charlie Morton fastball for a first-inning solo homer, putting the Dodgers on the board first and tying Turner, a seventh-year Dodger, with Duke Snider for the all-time franchise lead with 11 postseason homers. Yes, yes — Duke hit all of his October dingers in the World Series, the only playoff round in his day. Still, though, that's pretty amazing for a guy the Dodgers picked up long ago on a minor-league contract.

"It means I've had the opportunity to play on a lot of really good baseball teams, deep into October, and got a lot of at-bats," the modest Turner said. "Obviously, it's something that I don't think I ever thought about or has crossed my mind. It's a pretty cool thing that I can talk about when I'm done playing."

"He's the heart and soul of this team," Dodgers catcher Austin Barnes said of Turner. "J.T. is a big player for us, a

great guy in the clubhouse. We rely on him all the time."

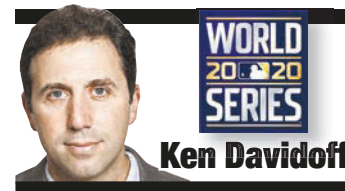
Turner added a third-inning, two-out double and scored a run, and in the bottom of the third, he turned a nice scoop on Mike Zunino's short-hopper into an inning-ending double play, aiding pitcher Walker Buehler in a dominant performance. Max Muncy, like Turner a low-profile pickup for the Dodgers, drove home Turner and Corey Seager in the third with a timely single.

A minor uproar at most emerged when the Mets liberated Turner, a high-energy guy who had tallied a 95 OPS+ (five percent below league average) in 895 big-league plate appearances and, entering his age-29 season, hardly appeared to be a star in the making. All the credit in the world goes to Turner, who overhauled his swing and rode the launch-angle revolution to one hell of a career. He owns a 139 OPS+ in seven regular seasons as a Dodger, the last four of which he played at market value; the Dodgers rolled the dice on him with a four-year, \$64-million extension as he entered his age-32 campaign in 2017 — precisely the sort of risk a big-market team should take if it believes in the player — and Turner, who turns 36 next month, rewarded them. "I don't know how to explain it," Turner said of his ongoing success. "Preparation, repetition. Not afraid to make adjustments from pitch to pitch, at-bat to at-bat."

Maybe the 2021 Mets, armed with superior brainpower and technology and freed from the Wilpons' unhelpful supervision, will see the next Turner in their midst and not give up on him so easily. Definitely, however, they must find hidden treasures elsewhere.

Alderson did much right while running the Mets, especially his drafts and high-profile trades. As the big boss this turn, more likely than not to overhaul the current front office, he must aspire to be even better. To supplement big buys with small jewels. To have other teams wondering what they missed on a future Justin Turner who is making history with the Mets.

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THIS IS the way.

The Mandalorians never, ever take off their helmets. And Joe Judge never, ever criticizes his players in public — not even Evan Engram for his failure to secure a reception that would have secured a rare and cherished victory for the Giants. Instead, Thursday night became a familiar and repugnant defeat thrown onto a heaping pile of them.

The Way of the Mandalore is also the Way of Judge. Both are hunting — bounties for Din Djarin, NFL wins for Judge — and both are devotees of protecting fellow followers.

Even if they might be unworthy.

With the Giants leading the Eagles 21-16 at Lincoln Financial Field on Thursday night, what went down on third-and-7 from the Giants' 47-yard line as the two-minute warning neared might have been viewed, in retrospect, as the signature throw of Daniel Jones' early career, the coming-out-party of Jason Garrett's run as offensive coordinator and the play that propelled Judge through his rookie season. When Engram broke free on the left side in Eagles territory, and Jones' lob rose and then dropped out of the sky, the Giants were a catch away from victory. Instead, the ball slipped through Engram's hands.

The Giants lost, 22-21, to fall to 1-6.

Former coach Tom Coughlin very likely would have been incredulous and, in animated fashion, urged Engram to "Catch the ball!" while using his arms and hands to pantomime an over-the-shoulder grab. Then he would have verbally patted Engram on the back rather

than verbally shoving him under a bus.

Judge? Seldom (never) is heard a discouraging word.

"Everyone's got their own style right there," Judge said Friday. "To me, across the board it's easy to play Monday morning quarterback for a lot of people. We expect our players to be able to perform in critical situations. Evan put us in position to be in that part of the game. We'll address that internally on how we have to do things. However some other coach wants to handle that, that's on them."

Engram might be back in 2021 or he might be gone. Many players on

Giants roster will pass through, here today, gone tomorrow. Judge is in the first year of a five-year contract and will be around for a while. It's important to decipher and analyze his style because it is the style that will permeate the entire operation.

Someday, if winning ever arrives again on the Giants' doorstep, the seeds Judge is planting now will flourish and we will be able to look back and realize how it all sprouted. The way he handled his most agonizing loss yet — blowing a 21-10 lead in the final 6:17 — was revealing for what Judge said without saying it: We are not good enough to win right now.

There are code words and phrases and paragraphs that imply what will not be put out there for all to hear. If you listen closely, you can detect it.

Judge admitted his team is not good enough to win unless it does everything almost perfectly — which almost never happens, and which is why they almost

never win. Judge did not come out and say it, and he has yet to offer up any excuses for losing six times in his seven games. But this is telling:

"We've played enough ball at this point and we should know what we have as a team," Judge said early Friday morning, the ache and pain and stain of the collapse still raw and cold and gnawing. "We should understand how we have to play as a team. We know we have to be a team that's got to grind out wins. We have to do things just a little bit tougher, and that's alright. We're OK with doing it that way."

This is how coaches talk when their roster is either limping, lacking, lousy or all of the above. "Grind out wins" is a way of saying, "We're not talented enough to run and throw and tackle with any of the really skilled teams out there." Stating, "We have to do things just a little bit tougher" is coach-speak, acknowledging there must be all sorts of scheming and planning and orchestrating to keep the team competitive.

There was no grinding out a win Thursday. Engram was not good enough.

"I'm not going to be a psychologist with him," Judge said.

The Giants are not good enough. Judge did not have to say it for us to know it, as we are all getting to know him.

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Joe Judge

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Jets DC insists there's no rift with Gase after criticizing '0'

By MOLLIE WALKER

After taking a veiled shot at the Jets' offense last week while speaking with reporters, defensive coordinator Gregg Williams dismissed the notion that his comments caused a split between himself and head coach Adam Gase.

"Coach Gase and I are great friends," Williams declared on a Zoom call Friday after practice. "We've been that way, we're on the same page, we talk about all those

things. That thing is no thing."

With the frustrations of dropping their sixth-straight loss of the season weighing on him after the Jets got blown out 24-0 by the Dolphins this past Sunday, Gase asserted that he "wasn't happy" with how Williams essentially deflected the blame for the team's struggles and instead directed it elsewhere.

To add fuel to the fire, cameras caught Gase and Williams in the midst of what appeared to be a heated conversation on the side-

lines prior to Sunday's loss.

"A lot of it is not all defensively," Williams said last week of how his group allowed 161 points in five games.

Pressed on who was responsible, the second-year Jets defensive coordinator said, "You'll have to figure that out."

At first, Gase attempted to downplay Williams' comments, saying, "He was trying to talk about complementary football, all three phases playing together." But

eventually Gase called a meeting with Williams to discuss the matter and felt like things had been resolved after their talk.

When asked Friday if he regretted anything he said, Williams continued to imply the whole situation was blown out of proportion. Given the opportunity to acknowledge that his comments might have come off as divisive, he urged reporters to "get onto the next thing ... it's not an issue, it's not anything."

"I always take a look at all those

things but you know, here's the deal, I know who we are, I know who the head coach and I are and the players know that too," Williams said.

Nearing the midway point of their second season working together, Gase and Williams continue to navigate their coaching dynamic. However, Gase continuously asserts that he and Williams are on the same page.

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By MOLLIE WALKER

Wide receiver Denzel Mims has only had six days of team practice heading into his potential NFL debut Sunday, but the 2020 second-round draft pick isn't at all worried about how he'll fit in with the Jets' offense.

After missing nearly all of training camp with a hamstring injury, Mims hurt his other hamstring just days before the Jets' season opener in Buffalo. He was able to practice for the first time last week since the start of the season and head coach Adam Gase sounded confident the rookie receiver would be able to take the field for the first time this Sunday against the Bills.

As far as Mims' concern for the missed time with quarterback Sam Darnold? He says he has none.

"I feel like even before I got hurt, I feel like I built a good connection with Sam," he said on a Zoom call Friday afternoon following practice. "We both came back around the same time this time, I feel like we just picked up where we left off. We continue to try and get better."

With the help of his fellow receivers, Mims said he feels confident in his understanding of the offense. The 23-year-old Baylor product believes he can bring energy to the team, and that he can "make plays and do everything that I can to help the team out to get a victory."

As difficult as it has been for Mims to watch from the sideline, he said he was able to dedicate even more time to studying the offense while he waited to make his debut.

"I feel like I'm in a great place with the offense," Mims said. "I've been studying extra, working with the receivers, trying to get all the plays down, trying to get as much help as I can."

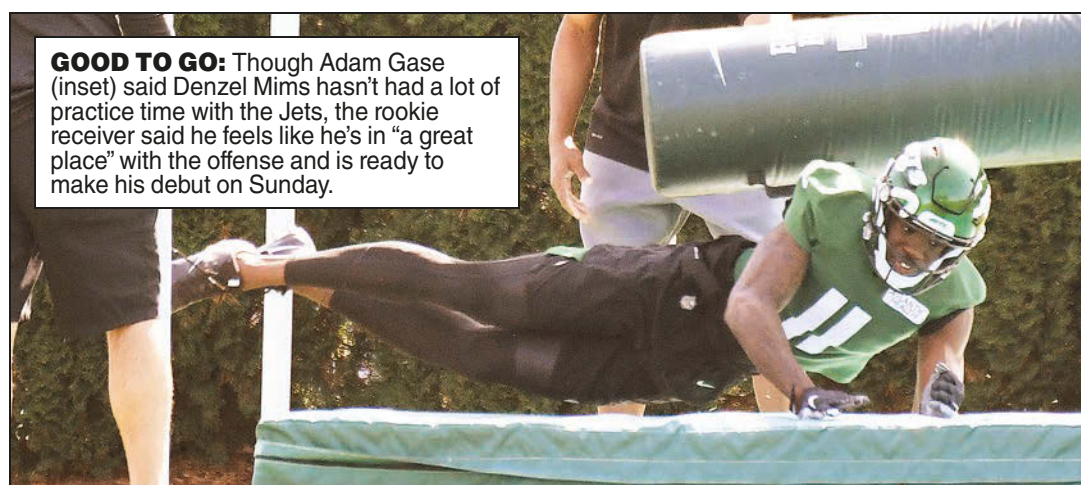
When the Jets took Mims 59th overall in this year's draft, the organization was likely hoping he'd be an immediate contributor. As he struggled to stay healthy early, it became clear the Jets would have to wait longer than they would have liked to see what he could bring to the field.

Gase has pointed out that Mims

READY FOR TAKEOFF



Rook Mims eager to make Jets debut



GOOD TO GO: Though Adam Gase (inset) said Denzel Mims hasn't had a lot of practice time with the Jets, the rookie receiver said he feels like he's in "a great place" with the offense and is ready to make his debut on Sunday.

hasn't had the practice time the team would like him to get before making his debut, but the second-year Jets coach believes he has incredible potential and will be able to work through all the new information that's been thrown his way this week.

"He's got incredible length, range. He can go up and get the

ball, [and has] speed. He has all those traits that you're looking for in a guy that can be a really good receiver," Gase said on a Zoom call Thursday. "It's just keep teaching him technique, scheme, coverages, all those little details that he might not have seen a lot of in college."

Mims became a starter his sophomore year at Baylor, starting 11 of

12 games and finishing with 61 receptions for 1,087 yards with eight touchdowns. Starting in all 13 games his senior year, Mims recorded 66 receptions for 1,020 yards with 12 touchdowns.

He was named to the 2019 First Team All-Big 12 to cap off his collegiate career, ranking sixth on Baylor's career receiving yards list

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(2,925) and fifth in career receptions (186).

Mims' road to his NFL debut strongly resembles that of Odell Beckham Jr., who missed the first four games of his Giants rookie season in 2014 due to a hamstring injury he aggravated during training camp. Beckham made his NFL debut in Week 5 and caught the go-ahead touchdown in a win over the Falcons.

The Jets are simply hoping for a go-ahead touchdown, period. But if Mims were to play a part in it, that would just be the sweetener.

"I'm going to be happy, it's going to be my first game, I'm going to be very excited, have a lot of emotions before the game," Mims said. "But I'm just going to have to lock myself back in so I'm not distracted."

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Gase: Things 'trending in right direction' for Sam's return

By MOLLIE WALKER

After working through a shoulder injury, Jets quarterback Sam Darnold is expected to take the field Sunday, against the Bills at MetLife Stadium, for the first time since Week 4.

"Things are trending in the right direction," head coach Adam Gase said on a Zoom call before practice Friday. "Hopefully, barring any setbacks, we'll get him going on Sundays. This Sunday."

The 23-year-old Darnold, who practiced on a limited

basis Friday, has been considered week-to-week since suffering an AC joint sprain in his shoulder during the Jets' 37-28 loss to the Broncos on Oct. 1.

Gase turned to veteran backup Joe Flacco, who started in losses to the Cardinals and Dolphins in which the Jets were outscored 54-10.

Asked if he would err on the side of caution with Darnold considering the Jets are still searching for their first win of the season, Gase said he wasn't concerned about

the third-year QB reinjuring himself. Gase said Darnold still feels a bit of pain in his shoulder, but he's not complaining about it enough to keep him off the field.

"It's one of those things, you don't see anything that is alarming or looks different," Gase said. "I'm sure he doesn't feel like he did ... Week 1, but he's not giving us any of those indications, I don't see any lack of velocity, I haven't seen him throw any balls that were that ei-

ther die or you couldn't get the distance — I haven't seen any of that.

"Everything looks normal. It's just I'm sure he doesn't feel great, like he did in Week 1."

Gase is also challenged with managing left tackle Mekhi Becton, who was allowed to return to the lineup four days after he injured his shoulder in Week 3 and has missed the past two games as a result. But Gase sounded optimistic that Becton would return Sunday.

JETS NOTES

► Defensive tackle **Steve McLendon** said he found out he was getting traded to the Buccaneers last Saturday, but he nevertheless played in Sunday's loss at Miami.

Speaking to Tampa Bay reporters Friday, McLendon revealed that he was informed last Saturday night that "a car would be waiting for me after the game Sunday to come to Tampa."

"And I was like, 'OK.' Sunday morning, I woke up. I prayed," McLendon said. "And I was like, 'It's one last ride.' I told my boys. I was like,

'It's one last ride together.' A lot of guys were saying like, 'Man, you're going to really play?' And I was like, 'This might be the last time I play with you in my career.'"

The Jets acquired the Bucs' sixth-round pick in 2022 for McLendon and a seventh-round choice in the 2021 draft. The trade wasn't announced until after the Jets-Dolphins game.

"The biggest thing is, I'm here now," McLendon said. "This is one of the greatest opportunities for me in my career."



Robert Sabo (3)

IMAGINE, if you dare, Sam Darnold in another uniform.

How about the Jets' presumed franchise quarterback wearing the black and gold of a Steelers uniform?

Or Darnold wearing the horseshoe on his helmet with the Colts or playing for John Elway's Broncos or the Jaguars or ...

... how about Darnold as a Patriot?

If you don't think any of these scenarios can happen, you're not paying a lot of attention to the goings-on with the Jets at the moment — the 0-6 Jets, who are nearly a two-touchdown underdog at home Sunday to the Bills, and who won't be favored to win another game this season.

If the Jets finish 0-16, here's a guarantee more rock-solid than the one Joe Namath delivered while poolside in 1969 before Super Bowl III: They'll have the No. 1 overall pick in the 2021 draft.

And general manager Joe Douglas, who's in the early stages of a six-year contract and trying to build something with the Jets, didn't draft Darnold. Douglas might like Darnold. He might believe in Darnold. But that doesn't mean he'd rather have Darnold than Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence.

Only Douglas truly knows whether, with the No. 1 overall draft pick in pocket, he would opt to trade out of the top spot, acquire more picks and build around Darnold, or go all in on Lawrence.

The smart money would be on Douglas drafting Lawrence.

If that's the case, then what of Darnold, the No. 3 overall pick in 2018 and the supposed savior for the Jets?

He'll get another opportunity. And chances are that opportunity would come with a team with more talent than Darnold has had around him with the Jets for the past three seasons.

Then what?

If you're a Jets fan worth your green and white, you already know what's going to happen: Darnold is going to excel elsewhere.

Dolphins fans have had to watch with queasy stomachs while Ryan Tannehill has become one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL since went from Adam Gase's Dolphins to the Titans.

Gase, the Jets coach the past two seasons, coached Tannehill from 2016-18 while he was the Dolphins coach. Tannehill was a middle-of-the-road quarterback under Gase, posting a 13-11 record, throwing 36 touchdowns

and 21 interceptions.

Tannehill went to Tennessee and led the Titans to the AFC Championship game last season. He has a 12-3 record with the Titans while throwing for 35 touchdowns to just eight interceptions with a gaudy 116.0 passer rating.

This season, the Titans are 5-0 entering Sunday's showdown with the Steelers (5-0) and, for those who want to pin that success on running back Derrick Henry (who's having an MVP-type season), Tannehill has thrown 13 touchdown passes to two interceptions, and is averaging 274 passing yards per game.

If you're a Jets fan and don't think Darnold can have the kind of success Tannehill has had if he leaves the Jets, you simply don't know.

In his two-plus seasons, Darnold has had more offensive line combi-

nations than Baskin-Robbins has ice cream flavors and fewer dangerous skill-position players than Gase has current supporters among Jets fans.

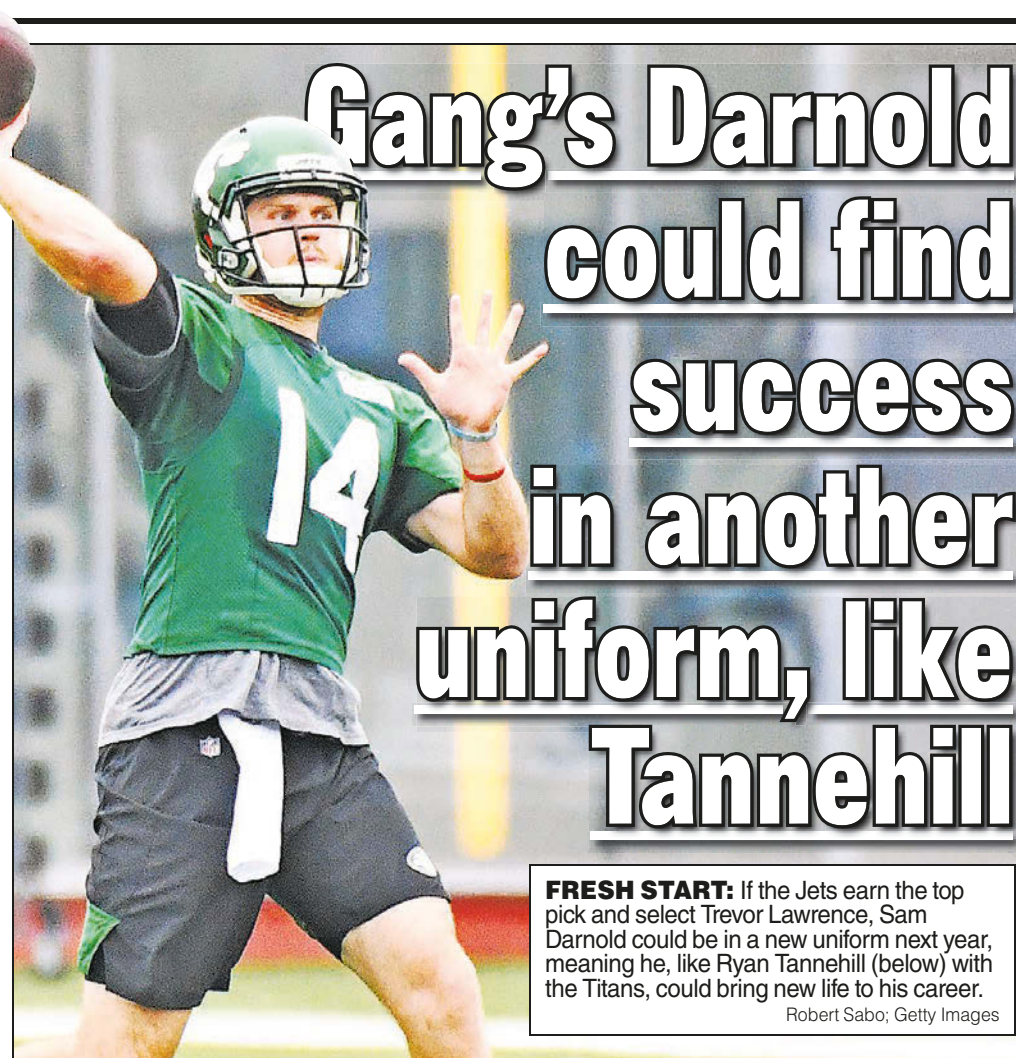


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His first offensive coordinator, Jeremy Bates, was out of football for five years before he came to the Jets and has been out of football since he was fired after the 2018 season. His past two seasons have been under the coaching and offensive system of Gase, whose offensive prowess seems to be questioned by everyone other than Jets CEO Christopher Johnson.

In other words: Darnold has drawn a very short straw since being drafted by the Jets.

"How many games has he had with the group we put together to start the season? I think there [were] some games where it's almost unfair to judge him," Gase said Wednesday. "I absolutely think



Gang's Darnold could find success in another uniform, like Tannehill

FRESH START: If the Jets earn the top pick and select Trevor Lawrence, Sam Darnold could be in a new uniform next year, meaning he, like Ryan Tannehill (below) with the Titans, could bring new life to his career.

Robert Sabo; Getty Images

Sam is getting better," Jets offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains said Thursday. "I don't think it's fair to evaluate him at this point."

Three seasons in with the Jets, we're still not sure how good Darnold can be. But this seems more certain: Darnold doesn't appear to be damaged goods the way Mark Sanchez was by the time he was finished with the Jets.

Maybe the best thing that could happen to Darnold would be the Jets drafting Lawrence.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, 38, has hinted about retirement for the past couple seasons.

Philip Rivers also is 38 and has looked shaky at times this season, making you wonder how much longer might he play in Indianapolis?

Are the Broncos really sold on Drew Lock, Jeff Driskel or Brett Rypien as their future?

Gardner Minshew's star appears to have dimmed considerably in Jacksonville.

And, has Cam Newton looked like the best quarterback to lead the Patriots?

Darnold and Bill Belichick. Imagine that. Crazier things have happened.

It's going to be an interesting offseason for the Jets, who too often are more interesting in the offseason than they are in season.

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Giants trade pass-rusher, may tell other veterans to pack bags

GOLDEN TICKET

WALKING PAPERS: The Giants, on Friday, shipped Markus Golden (inset) to Arizona, and Evan Engram and Golden Tate (right) are among the players most likely to join him as the Nov. 3 trade deadline nears after Big Blue fell to 1-6 with Thursday's loss to the Eagles.

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By RYAN DUNLEAVY

A benching wasn't rock bottom for Andrew Thomas.

So, what will be? And when?

The rookie offensive tackle returned to the Giants' starting lineup Thursday against the Eagles and quickly looked better suited for resuming his position on the sideline, earned four days earlier as punishment for being late to a team meeting. A frustrated fan base already is drawing dreaded comparisons to Ereck Flowers, the last offensive

lineman drafted in the first round by the Giants, and their biggest bust of the 2010s.

Thomas, 21, allowed two sacks and six quarterback pressures, according to Pro Football Focus, but the more eye-popping analytical measurement comes from ESPN: He had a 43.8 percent pass-block win rate — about half the league average for offensive tackles.

"Andrew is a good guy to build with," coach Joe Judge said. "We have a lot of plans long-term with Andrew. He's the kind of guy we want to work with, both physically and his personality off the field. We have a lot of confidence in Andrew. We're going to keep working with him and developing him going forward. I fully expect Andrew to have a very productive, long career in this league."

It doesn't sound as if NFL Network draft analyst Bucky Brooks buys the vote of confidence. Brooks — a former NFL player and a scout for two organizations — described Thomas as a "10-year starter" before the draft and later as a "safe pick" for the Giants. Now?

"The Giants must be concerned about Andrew Thomas and his struggles," Brooks wrote on Twitter.

"He's having a tough time holding up in [one-on-ones] on the edge. As the No. 4 overall pick, you expect him to be a 'plug-and-play' prospect. He's only six games into his career, but he's not playing like it."

Thomas is rated No. 63 of 76 qualifying offensive tackles by Pro Football Focus, behind fellow first-rounders Tristan Wirfs (No. 28),

Thomas hits rock bottom in ugly performance

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

It's back to reality for the Giants.

Trading pass-rusher Markus Golden to the Cardinals on Friday is a signal the fourth-quarter collapse against the Eagles ended delusions of playoff contention and solidified the Giants' (1-6) position as sellers before the Nov. 3 NFL trade deadline.

"Just because there is a trade deadline coming up doesn't mean there is going to be a string of moves," coach Joe Judge said before the Golden trade, "or we're going to have to look to go ahead and flip a lot of things."

Golden, who was strangely used as a spare part by the Giants despite a rash of injuries at outside linebacker, had a team-high 14 quarterback pressures in limited snaps. The Giants dumped about half of his \$4 million salary and picked up a sixth-round draft pick in 2021. Golden returns to the Cardinals, who drafted him in 2015, to ease the blow of losing Chandler Jones to injury.

It's a trickier than usual deadline for the Giants, who must make evaluations before returning to on-field action Nov. 2 for a Monday night game against the Buccaneers.

Is general manager Dave Gettleman empowered to make moves impacting the future while on the hot seat? What message will a fire sale send to the young locker room? How will subtracting pieces impact the development of other players, especially if trades strip quarterback Daniel Jones of more protection and playmakers?

This is where ownership's decision in January to hire Judge and retain Gettleman, creating disjointed timelines, is an issue.

Gettleman might want to act in self-preservation and add a player to boost the struggling roster — as he did by shipping two draft picks to the Jets for pending free agent Leonard Williams in the middle of a nine-game losing streak last season — while Judge can look to the future as a first-year coach.

"We've had great synergy in the building since I have been here with everybody involved," Judge said. "We've been very open with a lot of discussions and talking through the personnel. I expect that to continue. We're not racing for some kind of a draft pick. That's not our priority right now. We're trying to win."

Here is a look at five other veterans who could be dealt for mid- or late-round picks if

this becomes a full-fledged fire sale:

● **TE Evan Engram:** The Giants turned down offers for Engram two years in a row. The phone will ring again with a lesser return price — but still probably the highest (fourth- or fifth-rounder) of anyone on this list.

Engram, 26, is finally healthy after two injury-plagued years, but seems mismatched for this offense. His production (235 yards from scrimmage and one touchdown) is far from expectations and his drop against the Eagles soured fans. Some team will see the explosive athleticism and say, "Our coaches can unlock his talent!" Will the Giants pull the trigger?

Until March, Engram's \$6 million salary for 2021 is only guaranteed for injury, so he offers trade flexibility as a half-season rental or an extended bargain if he breaks through. **Fits:** Bills, Patriots, Panthers.

● **DT Dalvin Tomlinson:** Preliminary extension talks haven't gained much traction even though Tomlinson, 26, repeats he wants to stay put. He is a top run defender with \$612,000 remaining on the final year of his contract.

"I feel like the Giants are a competitor," Tomlinson said. "It's just the tradition. The toughness. The D-line is built on physicality. I just feel like that's something I always want to be a part of." **Fits:** Bills, Chiefs, Lions.

● **OLB Kyler Fackrell:** Smart move by Fackrell, 28, signing a one-year, \$4.6 million deal in free agency after a down year. He has

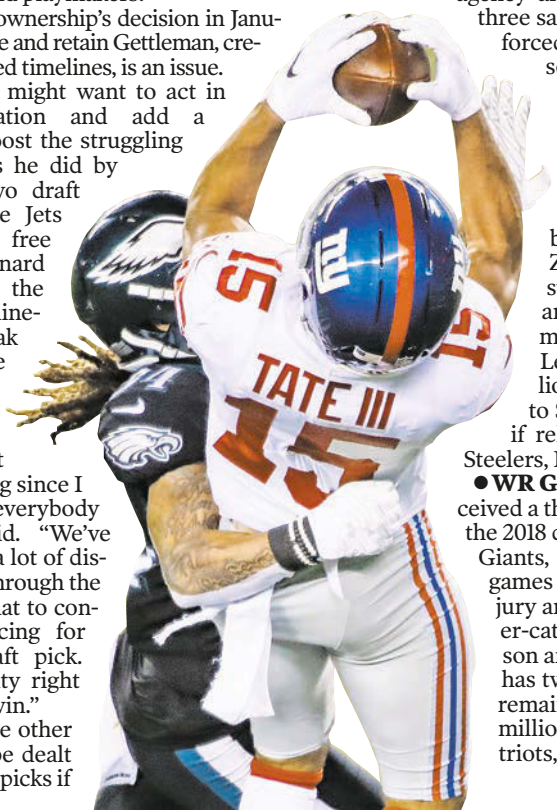
three sacks, an interception and a forced fumble, recapturing some of the disruption he created during a 10.5-sack season for the Packers in 2018. **Fits:** Seahawks, Raiders, Patriots.

● **OG Kevin Zeitler:**

Regarded as the team's best offensive lineman, Zeitler, 30, is enduring a subpar season and the Giants could move him to make way for rookie Shane Lemieux. Zeitler's \$14.5 million cap charge in 2021 falls to \$2.5 million in dead space if released. **Fits:** Bears, Bills, Steelers, Eagles.

● **WR Golden Tate:** The Lions received a third-round pick for Tate at the 2018 deadline. Since joining the Giants, Tate, 32, has missed four games to suspension, two to injury and his signature yards-after-catch are way down this season after he ran free in 2019. He has two years and \$14.5 million remaining on his deal — or \$4.5 million in dead space. **Fits:** Patriots, Ravens, Saints.

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Mekhi Becton (No. 31) and Jedrick Wills (No. 60). He has allowed a NFL-high 37 pressures in seven games and looks less effective than rookie teammate Matt Peart, which has created the popularity effect commonly seen with backup quarterbacks.

"If you're going to take a high first-round draft pick, you better not be taking a projection," a veteran offensive line coach told The Post. "Turn on the tape and [Thomas] was a very flawed player at Georgia, but from a frame stand-

point he was good-looking."

Comparisons to Flowers are unfair in that teammates questioned Flowers' commitment in addition to his technique, and the early read on Thomas is that his problems are isolated to the field. Nevertheless, plans to ease in both Flowers and Thomas at right tackle were scrapped before their rookie training camps got underway.

Nate Solder's COVID-19 opt-out did to Thomas what Will Beatty's offseason injury did to Flowers in 2015. Flowers' confidence was ru-

ined. Will the same happen to Thomas by season's end?

"I see him coming to work every day with a good attitude, effort and energy," Judge said. "When you see guys with confidence issues, normally the urgency goes down. I see this guy work tirelessly every day, so no. Nothing is going to be perfect all the time. We need to keep doing a good job of coaching him and bringing him along."

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World Series holding up Saquon's surgery

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

GIANTS NOTES

Saquon Barkley's knee is ready for surgery.

The Giants running back, however, must wait for the Dodgers or Rays to win the World Series.

Barkley was tentatively scheduled to undergo surgery to repair his torn ACL next Thursday (Oct. 29) in Los Angeles, after a delay in order to allow time for the swelling around his strained MCL to lessen, as first reported by NFL Network.

An exact date has not been scheduled, however, because Dr. Neal ElAttrache — the head team physician for the Dodgers and the NFL's Rams — is in Major League Baseball's bubble until the World Series ends, a source told The Post. A possible Game 7 is set for Wednesday.

Barkley suffered the season-ending injury Sept. 20, but the expectation is he will be ready to participate when training camp opens next July. He made the trip Thursday with the Giants to face the Eagles.

► The turf-monster tackle on Giants quarterback **Daniel Jones** is the newest viral meme on social media.

"Internally, that's something eventually we will be able to laugh about," Giants coach **Joe Judge** said. "The internet is undefeated. There are funny things all over the place. You just have to have a sense of humor. You have to be able to laugh at yourself sometimes."

From a football standpoint, Jones' 80-yard run on a read-option keeper around the edge — before he tripped over his own feet trying to find an extra gear in open space — was a momentum-changer for the Giants. Jones was touched down at the 8-yard line and **Wayne Gallman** finished the drive with the go-ahead score.

"I thought he made a nice run," Judge said. "We'd like him to stay up and finish it. He stumbled. That's something you don't want to happen. I thought **Jason [Garrett]** made a good call at the right time and Daniel did a good job on the mesh as far as hiding that thing, disguising and pulling it. It was a really nice run for the team, put us in a good position to score and the team capitalized."

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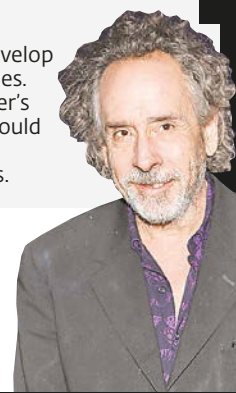


BOY WHO LIVED

TBS has renewed anthology comedy 'Miracle Workers' starring Daniel Radcliffe (left) and Steve Buscemi for a third season. Season 3 will be set in 1844 on the Oregon Trail, following a small town preacher (Radcliffe) who teams up with a wanted outlaw (Buscemi).

WEDNESDAY WISDOM

Tim Burton (right) is in talks to develop a live action "Addams Family" series. This would be the director/producer's first major TV project. The show would be set present-day, following the perspective of Wednesday Addams.



TV Saturday



A GOOD 'BACH'

What to know about "Bachelorette" frontrunner Dale Moss

By MARISA DELLATTO

HE could be "the one." After many, many delays, "The Bachelorette" finally kicked off Oct. 13 on ABC at 8 p.m. Although fans were excited to meet leading lady Clare Crawley's many potential suitors, going into weeks 2 and 3, everyone has their eye on one man, Dale Moss.

Crawley and Moss reportedly began talking during the monthslong period after the Season 16 cast was announced before filming began. (Clare contradicted this during the premiere episode, saying only one contestant had reached out to her.) After meeting in person, they quickly fell for each other and left the show to be together, according to reports. While sources differ as to whether this was Crawley's choice or the production's, the 39-year-old will allegedly be replaced by Tayshia Adams. Their interactions during the first episode seem to confirm this theory. "Hi, come on over," said a smitten Crawley to Moss as he stepped out of the limo. "Clare, my name is Dale, and I couldn't be more excited to take this journey with you," he says to her.

"I feel like I just met my husband," she said when he walked away. "Oh my God."

Crawley told host Chris Harrison, "Every other guy I felt confi-



Clare Crawley (left) and Dale Moss (right) on "The Bachelorette"

dent with, but with Dale... I felt everything that I haven't felt ever."

Moss felt the connection too. On his Instagram, he captioned a photo of them talking, "I felt that."

She awarded Moss the first impression rose and the second kiss of the night.

But the other contestants aren't so sure. "It's a matter of time before Clare realizes that Dale's not who she thinks he is," one man can be heard saying in the voice-over of a promo video, as footage of the couple in bed together plays.

Moss is a 32-year-old who spent four years in the NFL as a wide receiver. The offensive player has been on the Green Bay Packers, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Chicago Bears, according to

his website.

In addition to sports, Moss works as a model for brands such as Under Armour and Hugo Boss. He volunteers for the Tiger Woods Foundation, Wounded Warriors and works as a global ambassador for the Special Olympics.

The South Dakota resident also played basketball while attending a Division I college. After his bout in the NFL, he moved to New York to work in consulting for sports and wellness brands.

"Dale is looking for a woman who wants him but doesn't need him and says that nothing turns him on more than an independent woman with strong convictions," his official ABC bio reads. "When Dale is feeling passionate, he

doesn't like to hold back and is looking for a woman who won't be turned off by his intensity."

There's a small red flag: His bio says he has yet to master patience.

"It's safe to say Dale leaves his mark really early on this season," says Chris Harrison, during an on-line showcase of the season's cast. "It's safe to say I've never seen someone leave a bigger impression. Stay tuned."

Like most "Bachelorette" contestants, Moss's Instagram is filled with shirtless photos of himself. A New Yorker at heart, he recently showed support for the Yankees. He often shares shots of himself in the gym, walking the streets of NYC and doing sponsored content.

'LOST' ON THE BANKS

Elizabeth Mitchell, (below) best known for playing Juliet Burke on "Lost," will join Netflix's teen drama "The Outer Banks"

for its second season. She'll play Limbrey, a character who is courteous on the surface and menacing underneath.



What's on Tonight



MOVIE

It: 3 p.m. on TBS. Bill Skarsard, Finn Wolfhard. A group of kids form a club with a goal of getting revenge against an evil creature.



MOVIE

Rumor Has It ...: 3 p.m. on WWOR. Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Costner. A woman discovers that her family could be the inspiration for “The Graduate.”



MOVIE

The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift: 4 p.m. on USA. Lucas Black, Bow Wow. A young man is sent to live in Tokyo after wrecking his car in an illegal street race.

Saturday October 24, 2020

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm	
2	WCBS	2	2	2	College Football Live.	Entertainment Tonight: Anthony Mackie. (R)		Manhunt: Deadly Games: Media conference.		Manhunt: Deadly Games: Local militias.		48 Hours: In-depth investigative reports.		CBS 2 News at 11PM	(11:35) Jetlife
4	WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	George to the Rescue	LX.TV: 1st Look (R)	Weakest Link: Strangers play a trivia game. (R)		Ellen's Game of Games: "Buckin' Blasters." (R)		Saturday Night Live: Sketch comedy.		News 4 New York at 11	Saturday Night Live
5	WNYW	5	5	5	College Football Live.	MLB on FOX Pregame Live.		2020 World Series: Game 4: Los Angeles Dodgers vs Tampa Bay Rays from Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. Live.				FOX 5 News at 10: Nightly news report.			
7	WABC	7	7	7	Scoreboard Live.	Scoreboard Live.	(7:37) College Football: Michigan Wolverines at Minnesota Golden Gophers from TCF Bank Stadium.					Eyewitness News at 11: News of the day.			
9	WWOR	9	9	9	Modern Family	Central Ave.	Central Ave.	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The Listener: Killer with national secrets.		Giants Access Blue	Dateline
11	WPIX	11	11	11	Right This Minute	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Barney Miller	The Jeffersons	All in the Family	The Honey-mooners	PIX11 News at Ten with Kaity Tong		The Honey-mooners	The Honey-mooners
13	WNET	13	13	13	GZero World	Professor T: Headliner is killed.		Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators		The Way We Were (1973): An activist loves a man who can't put their political differences aside. PG ★★★			(11:05) Stronger (2017): Bombing survivor. R ★★★½		
21	WLIW	21	21	21	Weekend	Metro	Firing Line	Midsomer	(8:44) Midsomer Murders	(9:31) Before We Die		Great Performances			
25	WNYE	25	22	25	Day's Work	Her B Idea	Build Ser	Jared Diamond's Third		To Be Announced: Info unavailable.		Day's Work	Profiles	GZero	
31	WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
41	WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	Renta	Renta	Fútbol Liga MX: Juárez vs Tigres UANL. Directo.		(9:55) Fútbol Liga MX: Atlas vs América. Directo.					
47	WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015): Dracula's father. PG ★★★		Bleeding Steel (2017): Bio-invention. Jackie Chan. R		Noticiero		Noticias			
55	WLNY	55	10	10	Paid	Man	Man	Mike	Mike	WLNY News at 9PM		Paid	Judge Judy	Entertainment Tonight (R)	
A&E	46	46	181	(6:00) The First 48: Women are shot.		The First 48 (R)		Live Rescue					The First 48 (R)		
AMC	54	43	231	(4:15) The Shining (1980)		(7:45) Carrie (2013): Shy teen with powers is pushed too far. R ★★★½		Eli Roth's History		Cursed		Sematary R			
BET	37	54	270	Drumline (2002): Harlem drummer. ★★★½		HBCU Homecoming: Meet Me on the Yard		HBCU Homecoming: Meet Me on the Yard (R)							
BBCAM	71	101	189	(6:00) Life		Life: Aggressive hunter.		Life: Newborn elephant.		Life: Orcas hunt seal.		Life: Baboons fight.		Life: Sea dragon birth.	
BRAVO	18	44	185	(6:00) Monster-In-Law (2005) PG-13 ★★		The Devil Wears Prada (2006): Fashion fascist. Meryl Streep. ★★★		The Devil Wears Prada (2006) ★★★							
CNBC	15	24	102	Undr. Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) CNN		Situation Room		Situation Room		CNN Special Report		CNN Special Report (R)			
COM	45	50	190	(6:00) The Internship (2013): Job competition. ★★★½		Old School (2003): Wacky fraternity. Luke Wilson. ★★★		We're the Millers (2013): Fake family. R							
DIS	49	31	250	Unstoppable		Unstoppable		Big City (R)		Big City (R)		Amphibia		Owl House	
DSC	66	27	120	Alaska (R)		Alaska: Last Frontier (R)		Alaska: The Last Frontier: Atz Sr. scavenges for kindling.		Alaska: Last Frontier (R)					
E!	24	51	196	(6:00) The Proposal (2009): Deportation risk. ★★★		The Proposal (2009): A boss marries to avoid deportation. ★★★		Speed (1994) R ★★★							
ESPN	28	36	70	Scoreboard		College Football: South Carolina Gamecocks at LSU Tigers. Live.		(10:15) College Football Live.							
ESPN2	29	35	74	(5:30) College Football Live.		Scoreboard		College Football: Cincinnati Bearcats at SMU Mustangs. Live.							
FBN	43	106	117	Respected		Lou Dobbs Tonight (R)		OBJECTified		OBJECTified		OBJECTified		OBJECTified	
FNC	44	26	118	Fox Report		Life, Liberty & Levin		Watters' World		Justice		The Greg Gutfeld Show		Watters' World	
FOOD	50	97	164	Diners (R)		Diners (R)		Diners (R)		Diners (R)		Diners (R)		Diners (R)	
FREFRM	38	49	199	(6:50) The Addams Family (1991): Creepy family. Anjelica Huston.		Addams Family Values (1993): Killer nanny hired. ★★★		Ghostbusters (2016) ★★							
FS1	400	99	83	Coll. Ftbl		College Football: Utah State Aggies at Boise State Broncos from Albertsons Stadium. Live.		College Football Live.							
FX	10	40	53	(6:00) Hotel Transylvania 3: (2018) ★★★½		Goosebumps (2015): Monsters released. PG ★★★		Goosebumps (2015): Monsters released. PG ★★★							
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Christmas Town (2019)		Jingle Bell Bride (2020): A wedding planner. NR		Christmas at Pemberley Manor (2018): Town festival.							
HGTV	64	98	165	Good Bones		Good Bones (R)		Should I Stay or Go		Love It or List It (R)		Love It or List It (R)		Love It or List It (R)	
HIST	40	47	128	(3:00) Barrett-Jackson Live Auction: Auction for valuable automobiles.				Counting Cars (R)		(11:03) Counting Cars (R)					
ID	23	171	123	Evil Twins		Evil Twins (R)		Twisted Sisters (R)		Twisted Sisters (R)		Twisted Sisters (R)		Twisted Sisters (R)	
LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) Christmas on Ice (2020)		Christmas Unwrapped (2020): Christmas mystery.		(10:04) Sweet Mountain Christmas (2019)							
MeTV	33	33	3	Stooges		Stooges		Mighty Joe Young (1949): Ape amok. Terry Moore. ★★★½		Star Trek: Pike leaves.		Buck Rogers			
MSG	27	87	78	Red Bulls		Pre Game		MLS Soccer Live.		Red Bulls		DraftKings Fantasy Hour		MLS Soccer Replay.	
MSG Plus	48	88	80	Spotlight		Fight Sports: EFC 318		Fight Sports World Class		Shogun Fights		Shogun Fights			
MSNBC	14	23	103	American		American Voices with		The Week with		The Week with		American Voices with (R)		The Week with (R)	
MTV	20	53	210	Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous	
NATGEO	65	162	121	Drugs Inc.		Drugs Inc.: The Fix (R)		Drugs Inc.: The Fix (R)		Drugs Inc.: The Fix		Drugs Inc.: The Fix (R)		Drugs Inc.: The Fix (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	(6:00) Despicable Me 2 (2013) PG ★★★½		Unfiltered		Group Chat		Unleashed		SpongeBob		Friends	
OWN	173	180	145	Iyanla Fix		Ready to Love (R)		Put A Ring On It (R)		Black Love		Ready to Love (R)		Put A Ring On It (R)	
PARMT	36	56	54	Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981): Seeking a relic. Harrison Ford. ★★★★★		Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989): Seeking the Grail.		Doom ★★★½							
SNY	26	60	77	(5:00) Mets Classics		Jets Game		Yeah ...		Broadway Boxing		Sports			
SYFY	17	48	180	(5:55) Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015): Robotic villain. PG-13 ★★★½		Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017): Truth about Peter Quill's lineage. ★★★½									
TBS	8	39	52	(6:00) Black Panther (2018): African king is challenged by a rival.		Bang		Bang		Bang		Bang		Full Frontal	
TCM	82	41	230	Citizen Kane (1941): A tycoon's life. NR		Ace in the Hole (1951): The big story. Kirk Douglas.		(10:15) Flesh and Fury (1952, Drama) Tony Curtis. ★★★½							
TLC	52	28	139	Little Ppl		Little People (R)		Little People: Matt's offer.		Little People (R)		Little People (R)			
TNT	3	37	51	(5:00) Transformers (2007) PG-13 ★★★		Rampage (2018): Huge animals attack. PG-13 ★★★½		The Legend of Tarzan (2016): Back to Congo. ★★★							
TVLAND	85	34	241	Men		Men		(7:35) Men		(8:10) Men		(8:45) Men		(9:20) Two and Half Men	
USA	16	38	50	(6:25) Fast & Furious (2009): Deadly convoy heist. ★★★		(8:45) San Andreas (2015): Rescue attempt after an earthquake.		Fast and Furious: Tokyo							
VH1	19	52	217	(5:30) The 40-Year-Old Virgin (2005) ★★★		The Longest Yard (2005): Convicts play guards in football game.		Blue Streak (1999): Thief poses as cop.							
WE	59	42	149	Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds			
YES	53	89	76	Coll. Ftbl		MLS Soccer: Montreal Impact at New York City FC. Live.		Sports Stories		Yankees		MLS Soccer Replay.			
EPIX	595	395	Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011)	Thor (2011): A warrior is banished to Earth. PG-13 ★★★		Captain America: The First Avenger (2011) PG-13 ★★★									
HBO	511	301	400	Shazam! (2019): Orphan gets power.		Emma (1996): A woman hunts a mate for her friend.		The Vow: Tip on Keith.		How To (R)		Lovecraft			
MAX	531	371	420	John Wick		Warrior (R)		(7:55) Dodgeball: True Underdog (2004)		Metro (1997): Fast-talking cop saves hostages. R ★★★½		Warrior (R)			
SHO	551	321	365	Good Lord		(7:15) Good Lord Bird (R)		The Best of All (R)		Showtime Championship Boxing: Special Edition: Lipinets vs. Clayton Live.					

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**Giants trade
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AND AWAY WE GOLDEN

It looks like the Giants are waving the white flag on the season after Thursday night's brutal 22-21 loss to the Eagles. Big Blue traded pass-rusher Markus Golden to the Cardinals on Friday for a 2021 draft pick, a signal the team is selling before the NFL trade deadline on Nov. 3. **DUNLEAVY / PAGES 44-45**



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